Float Building Becomes Students' Number One P[RI]ority

Float Building for the Homecoming Parade can often seem like homework. Students either decide to do it right away, or they wait until the last minute. Building a float for the parade includes finding a house to build it at, buying supplies, coming up with a theme, and getting everything put together in time. Senior Emma Reeder says, "It usually takes us about two and half weeks, give or take a few days depending on how many times we meet up, and how many people want to help."

Sometimes floats get built faster than others. "We could never find a time when everyone was available, so it took us almost a month," explained Junior Carly Taylor.

There are always a variety of floats in the Homecoming Parade, ranging from class floats to the Spanish Club float. "My favorite float was the Junior float. It was really creative, and you could tell they spent a lot of time on it," states Ellen Moller.

Float building with fellow classmates can bring everyone a lot closer. Coming together to work on a class float is also a lot of fun. Carly Taylor says, "I really liked that most of the juniors got together to build this float. We had a lot of fun, and it was nice to do something with my whole class."

Seniors Emma Reeder and Ellen Moller reminisce on their 4 years of floats at Rock Island High School, stating their senior year was the best. "I'm really glad we could all come together and do this one last time. It's always been a lot of fun," says Emma Reeder.

Below: Seniors Cameron Ruiz and Travis Reed play weathermen for the Seniors' float.







Top: The Junior Float encourages the Rocks to "Bring the Thunder!"



Right: Homecoming Queen and King, Telis Garcia and Chasson Randle, wave to the crowd as they are driven through the parade route.

[RI]tzy Royalty

This years' Homecoming Assembly was truly a culmination of the week's events and a great rally to pump the students up for the game. Not only were Homecoming Week contest champions recognized and the Homecoming Court announced, but the assembly also featured dances from the cheerleaders, the Dance Team, and a group of senior girls. The Pride of Rock Island played and Mr. Duster wowed the crowd with his rendition of "Crush Galesburg!" Junior Lindsey Schroeder explained that while she liked the variety of events, she was most impressed by the cheerleaders' dance. For others, the Homecoming Court is still the highlight of the assembly. "I enjoyed watching everyone on Homecoming Court walk out," Halli Tobin said.

This year's Homecoming King and Queen were Chasson Randle and Telis Garcia. Being nominated for Homecoming Court wasn't an honor that crossed Telis', nor Chasson's mind. Randle explained his surprise, stating, "No, I didn't expect to be on court because we have a lot of cool people at our school that could have been in my spot."

This year's Homecoming Assembly featured another Homecoming Queen, as well. Teacher and Student Council Advisor, Mrs. Guse was crowned the Honorary Homecoming Queen for her dedication and service to Rock Island High School throughout her career here. Her husband surprised her with a crown and flowers.

The 2010 Homecoming Court: Thurgood Brooks, Kyle Carstens, Demetrius Clements, Nick Dean, Christopher Glover, Nathan Gray, Nikko Hall-Watson, Keith Keesey, Chasson Randle, Tylin Roberts, Anabel Alva, Kasey Brent, Courtney Camlin, Summer Carter, Telis Garcia, MacKenzie Heriford, Tracy Rade, Brittany Tunnell, Brianna Watson, and Kaitlyn Williams.



Bottom: Mrs. Guse is crowned the Honorary Homecoming Queen for all of her hard work and dedication she has put in during her career at the Rock.



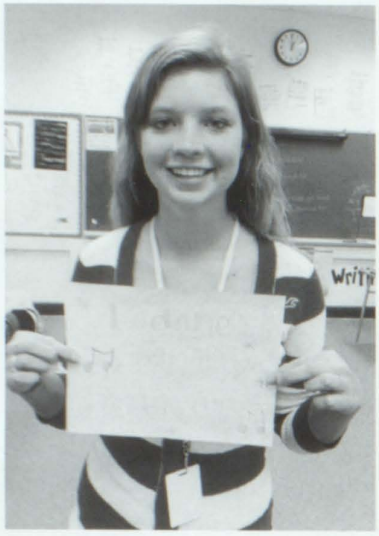


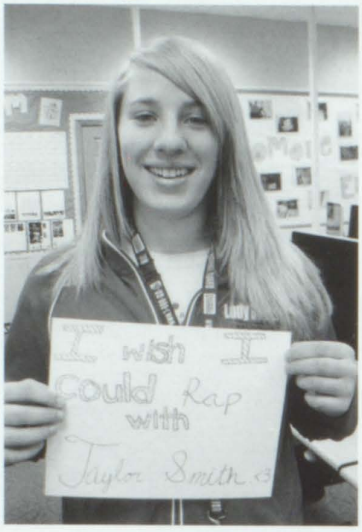


Above: Two groups of upperclassmen battle each other during the pyramid building contest.

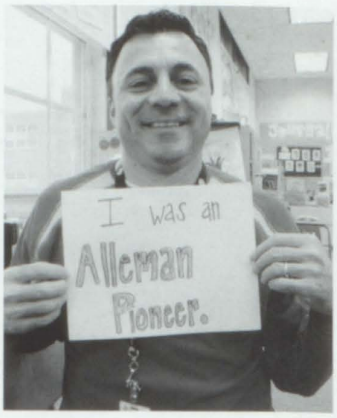
Right: Chasson Randle checks out Courtney Camlin as they make their entrance to the Homecoming Assembly.

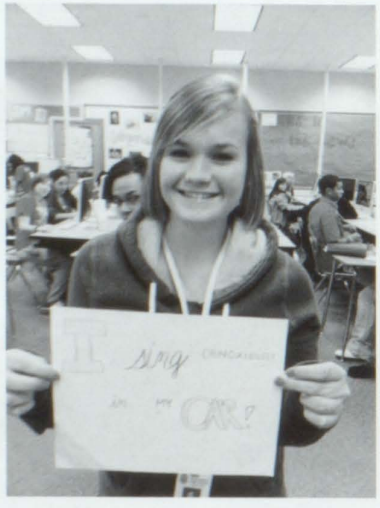
Sha[RI]ng Secrets at the Rock















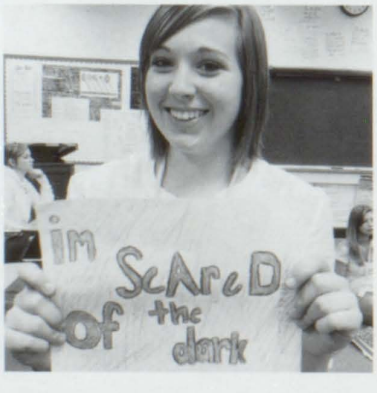




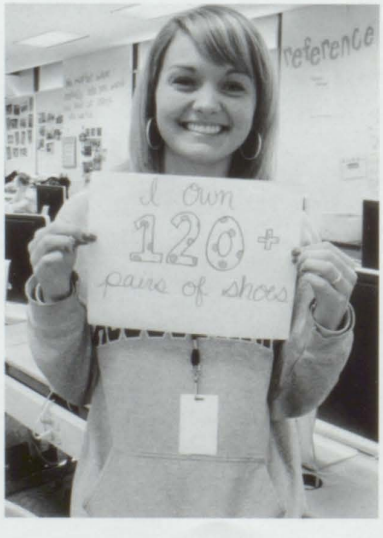


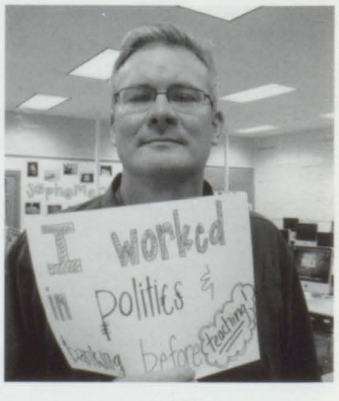














Class [RI]valry to the MAX



Two hour long practices in the early morning and at night are what the Junior and Senior girls who participated in the Powderpuff game had to deal with in preparation for their big moment on the field.

The teams practiced during fall break, getting assigned positions by their varsity football player coaches.

At the game, the Senior girls, along with their coaches, stood on the sidelines strategizing for the game knowing they had to overcome their 0-0 tie from last year. The Juniors huddled together, not knowing what the next hour had in store for them.

It didn't take long for the Seniors to take the lead 6-0. The first touchdown was made by Tracy Rade. The Juniors did not let that get them down. They attempted to get points, but were unsuccessful. "We just couldn't catch the ball," explained Lindsey Schroeder.

The Seniors came back and scored another touchdown by Whitney Hoover. Whitney caught the pass by QB Brooke Williams. That brought the final score 12-0. "I couldn't be more proud." said Halli Tobin.

The Seniors huddled together in victory over the Juniors. The Juniors were disappointed, but optimistic for next year's game.

Junior Lindsey Schroeder admits the game was frustrating, but she had fun learning the game. Halli Tobin added that her favorite part of the game was how close the Seniors got.

The rivalry between the Juniors and Seniors was shown in the hard work and preparation needed to beat each other. The hard work paid off for the Seniors, as they proved victorious.









Top: The Juniors are still all smiles after their loss.
Above: The victorious Seniors huddle together after their 12-0 win.
Right: Seniors Kasey Brent(80) and Halli Tobin(34) tackle Junior Miranda Johnson(86) in order to get the ball.
Right: Seniors Whitney Hoover and Lashonica Johnson analyze the game with their coach Thurgood Brooks.

Above Right: Both teams scramble during the play to take possession of the ball.
Above: The Seniors receive the ball while getting closer to the end zone.



How to SUPERFAN:



Gather paper plates, acrylic paint in your choice of colors, and foam paint brushes to apply on your body.



Apply your base color all over your front/back in a t-shirt form.



Paint a letter on your stomach. Have one letter for each person.



Pick a football player and put their number and name on your back in "uniform" style. A nickname for your player works, too.



After finishing your base, letters, and numbers, you will outline the sleeves, neck, and letters.



Once all the painting is done, check one another for mistakes and touch-up the problems.



A Friday Night [RI]tual

Right: Seniors Keith Keesy and Chasson Randle show their enthusiasm during the Pekin game. The Rocks came out with a win.

Below: From left, Seniors Keith Keesy, Morgan Canfield, Kaitlyn Williams, and Reed Duyvejonck gather at halftime of the Homecoming game.









Above: Students show their Rock Island pride at the Friday football game.

Right: The Vic's Clique remove their caps during the national anthem before the Moline game.



Roa[RI]ng Fans



Themes to remember

Instead of filling the student section with red and gold, students decided to change it up, and have theme nights this year. Each week the theme changes. "We really just all put a list together of what we would want to do. We try to match the themes with who we're playing," says senior, Kasey Brent. After the theme is decided, it is posted on Facebook to get as many followers and participants as possible.







Taylor Gang!

"You know what it is!" At the game against one of Rocky's rivals, Moline, the student section was packed with people wearing Taylor Gang attire. The outfits consisted of camo pants, Chuck Taylors, and Pittsburgh hats.









Keeping it Classy

When playing the Alleman Pioneers, students decided to dress with "class." Rocky's definition of dressing with "class" was wearing polos and khakis, much like Alleman's dress code.





Toga! Toga!

Students stripped their beds and wore the sheets, toga style, to the home game against Alleman. Not many students participated due to the weather, but the ones who did got the crowd going, leading the Rocks to another victory.





Down Right Dirty.

On a typical Friday night, the Fieldhouse is filled with dedicated fans ready for the Rocks vs. U.T. game. The theme for the night was "Down Right Dirty." Students dug out their old clothes, ripped jeans, and even went as far as modeling trash bags, creating a new trashy, but flashy, trend.

A Va[RI]ety from Around the Globe

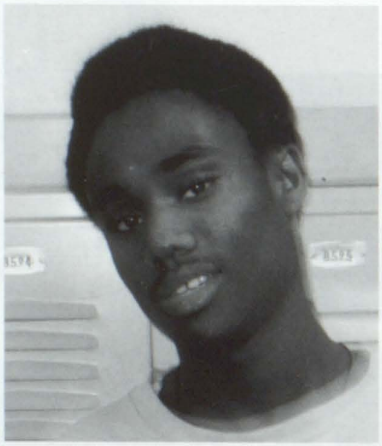
A Whole New World



Jean-Jacques Sawadogo

Everyday, the hallways are shared with students that have lived in the Quad Cities their entire lives, and those who have lived in completely different countries. Although foreign students may not have been born and raised in American customs, there are many similarities, as well as differences, between the two groups of students.

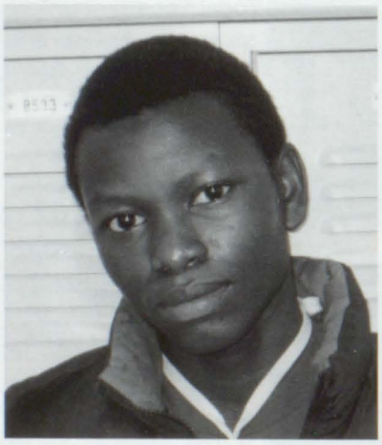
Dieudonne Nsengiyumva, a freshman, who used to live in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa, said that he came to America because of "family and everything back home was hard." Although life was hard in the Congo, Dieudonne went to school everyday, church every Sunday, played with his friends, and did chores around his house, just like kids here in the United States. A favorite and popular sport in his homeland is soccer. "It's the [sport] I used to play when I was little," says Dieudonne. "My family likes it, too." Dieudonne's goals at Rocky are to speak more languages - which is why his favorite classes are Spanish and E.L.L. (English Language Learners). Within the E.L.L. classes though, Dieudonne is not the only one to have those goals.



Dieudonne Nsengiyumva

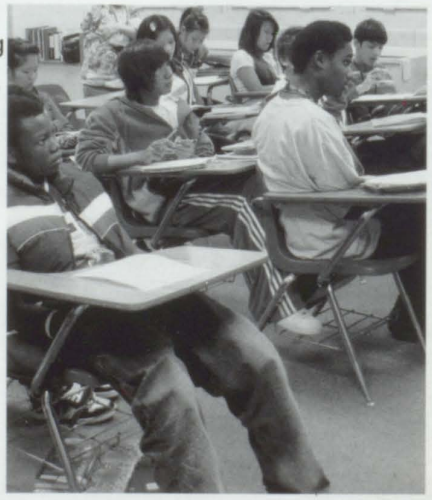
For 11th grader, Abdias Nzisabira, who lived in Tanzania, a dream job is to be a doctor. "I like English, math, French, and science," says Abdias, "and I like doing homework." Outside of school, he enjoys going to friends' houses, but just like his friend, Jean-Jacques Sawadogo, he also spends his time playing soccer.

Just like in Tanzania, in the Ivory Coast where Jean-Jacques is from, soccer is a very popular sport. "[It's] the best sport in the world," says Jean-Jacques. "I grew up around soccer." Besides being interested in soccer, like every American teenager, he enjoys sleeping in and playing video games. Although Jean-Jacques has many similarities with other American students, his differences stem from the Ivory Coast. "Life back home was hard," says Jean-Jacques." I didn't have to do any work, but my parents did. It was hard for them." Although his life used to be rough, Jean-Jacques says that he feels at home in Rock Island. "I like Rocky because the ELL teachers help you and you can help other ELL students," he says. Jean-Jacques is one of many ELL students, but just like Dieudonne and Abdias, he enjoys learning about the American culture.



Abdias Nzisabira

As American students, we feel nervous to enter high school as freshmen, but imagine entering a high school in a completely different country, where nothing is familiar. Next time an American student sees an ELL student, or vice versa, we should get to know each others' backgrounds and see where each of us comes from. Who knows? Maybe we'll even find out we're all not that much different from each other.





Stir[RI]ng up the Kitchen

The Breakfast by Champions

Rockstar Café



Waking up to a donation in their cup is the way the Special Education Department kicks off their Friday mornings. But, the real magic begins on Thursdays during second and third period when the students in Mrs. Stephenson's class make the food.

For the students, the Rockstar Café isn't only fun, but also a learning experience. "It's all about functional work skills and even everyday skills," says Mrs. Stephenson, founder of the Rockstar Café. Although the students say they don't like to get up early, they still enjoy helping out. James Arrington, a sophomore, says his favorite part of handing out the food is when the people come and visit.

Despite the café being student driven, the staff is an important factor that makes the Rockstar Café an ongoing experience. "It's for a great cause and it's really neat. Mrs. Stephenson is doing a great job," explains Madame Bouchareb, a casual coffee drinker at the Rockstar Café. The Rockstar Café is such a good experience for everyone because it not only lets its customers end the week on a good note, but also with a full stomach.



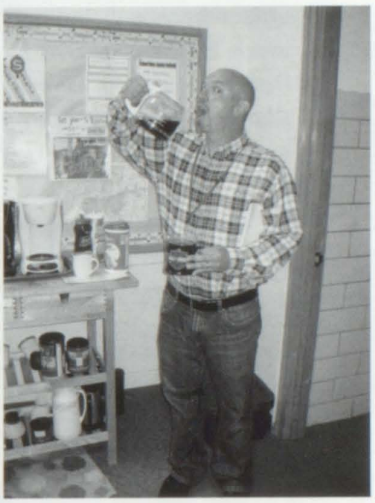
The students in Mrs. Stephenson's class prepare the food, clean up their mess, and hand out the food. "Not only is it for fun," says Mrs. Stephenson, "but also a learning experience."



Finishing up their breakfast at the Rockstar Café, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Wendland, and Mr. Roberts wrap up their week with fun, friends, and food.



"The coffee is so hot it should kill all of the bacteria and any other sort of sanitation problems," says Mr. Campbell, in regards to his unusual style of drinking coffee. Campbell enjoys the comraderie - and the coffee - at the Rockstar Café.





To support the Rockstar Café, Mr. Wendland, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Stephenson, Dr. Oberhaus, Mrs. Jusicius, Ms. Akers, and Mrs. Elliott like to come in early Friday mornings to enjoy breakfast and socializing. "My favorite part of the Rockstar Café," says Mrs. Foster, "is building relationships with those who stop in."



Working hard and having fun, Andre McBride, Shante Gatheright, and Lupita Lezama come together to prepare a spinach quiche for Friday's breakfast. While making the food is McBride's favorite part of Rockstar Café, he really enjoys eating the leftovers, as well.

Accesso[RI]zing your Spaces



Many teachers have unique items in their classroom. Mrs. Greenwoods explains, "My room is unique because I have pictures of all my students on my desk." Her desk displays a lot of picture that students gave to her. Mrs. Greenwood states, "During my first year of teaching, students started to give me pictures and I had nowhere to put them, so I placed all my pictures underneath the glass on my desk. I just add more each year." Her display shows that she really cares for her students, as well as how much her students care about her.



Freshman Samantha Farmer says, "My locker is a lot smaller than my locker at Edison, and I can never open my locker here." Like most people, Samantha shares her locker with four other students, so it's filled with "lots of random junk." Sammy explains, " My locker is unique because I find notes and pictures taped to the inside and outside of my locker from random people." Having a locker is all about your personal space, but Samantha loves the fun of sharing lockers with friends and creating fun and entertaining memories.



Math teacher, Mrs. Juscius, explains that her classroom is unique because she has three big paintings on her wall. She had a student, who was really good at art, paint them for her. Mrs. J says, "I had a student paint these for me. I paid her, and that was the first time she ever painted something for money. I love them, and she got a full ride to college for art." No one else has paintings in their classroom like these. They are all unique and just make Mrs. Juscius' room mean more to her. Through the paintings, she will always remember that student.



Once you're a sophomore, you have the same locker for three years, so most people personalize their lockers after they get their permanent locker. Arionie Hildreth is a senior and shares her locker with three other people. "The most unique feature about my locker is my Hungry Hobo sticker. No one else has one," Arionie says. Arionie always has some kind of food in her locker, along with a water bottle, and a coffee cup. "New or old, there is always a Cosmo magazine in my locker, too." Arionie says. Arionie is an outgoing, free-spirited girl who loves to share her locker. Her space expresses her personality in every single way.

Where your F[R]ends are...

New students quickly discover that Rock Island High School is a very large building with a diverse and lively student body. The school is one of the oldest in the area, originally built on farmland, and has thrived through some of the hardest points in American history, such as the Depression and World War II. Since the original construction of the school, many additions to the building have been made (the Field House in 1959 and the Band Room in 1967), making Rocky one of the most unique schools in Illinois.

In the daily life of a student here at the Rock, many features of the school are utilized and enjoyed. The Concourse, for example, that connects both ends of the buildings on first and second floor, is a great help to students who need to hurry to a class on the farthest end of the building without being late. "I use the Concourse at least three times a day," Ben Payne explains. "I think the Concourse is the school's key architectural feature. It provides faster access to all classes."

Other popular places include the cafeteria, where students can enjoy their meals while they chat with friends, the greenhouse, which is cared for primarily by students, and the fitness center. There is also the massive new stadium, which was renovated recently. "I love the stadium," Colton Boyd states. "The surface is always dry, even in the rainy seasons." His is one of the many voices that praise the beautiful Rock Island stadium, which underwent renovation in the summer of 2008.

The school is definitely enhanced in character and appeal by the many unique and special spots that it contains. The students here are given a chance to congregate at these and make new friends every single school day.



Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors use the Concourse to cross from one side of the building to the other. "The Concourse definitely makes our school unique," Victoria Heimann explains. "I've never been inside another school with one." The Concourse is between the first and second floor, and is teeming with students after every period.



The cafeteria is one of the largest rooms in the school, and houses hundreds of students for A,B, and C lunch. "The cafeteria does a good job keeping the lines moving, even with the large number of students," states Samantha Williams. The cafeteria provides the students with a break from class for them to eat and socialize.

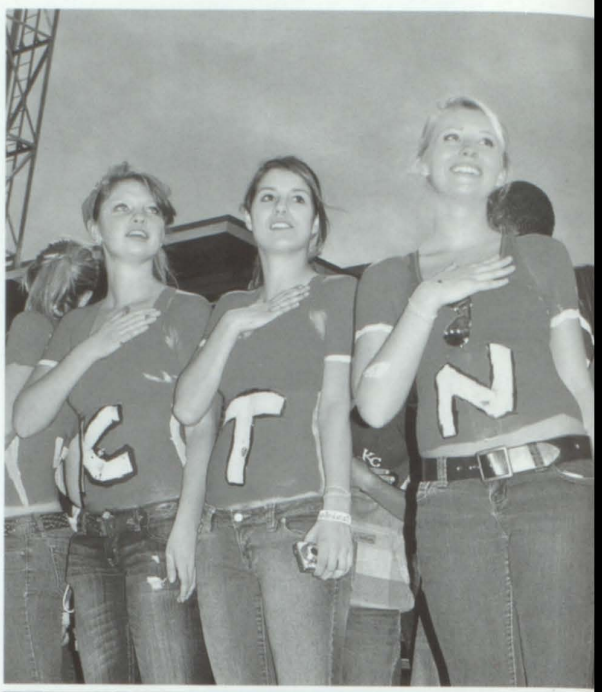


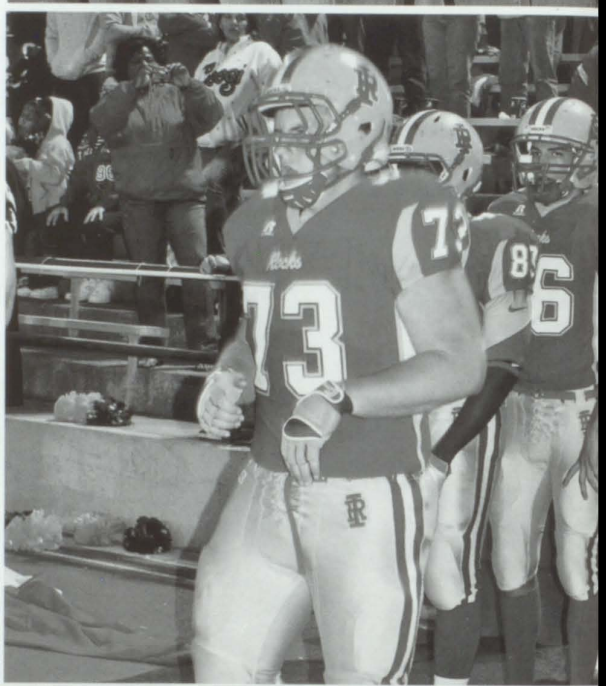
Rock Island has one of the nicest stadiums in the entire state of Illinois. Here, loyal fans of the Rocks cheer their Rock Island teams on to victory. "The new stadium is great," Allison Mann explains. "It needed an improvement and is definitely better than it was a few years ago."



The rock outside the Field House stands as a memorial to the tradition of being a Rock Island Rock. "The rock represents the history and pride of Rocky," Karrie McDonald states. "When you drive by, it lets you know it's Rock Island High School."

An Upb[RI]nging the Rock Island Way





Rock Island is a town brimming with traditions, and the high school is no exception. Multiple generations of "Rocks" have come through Rock Island High School, each leaving a legacy for their children to fulfill. "I was very proud to be a student here," explains Jay Brent, whose daughter, Kasey Brent, is a senior this year, "I am also proud to say that my daughter represents Rocky, as well." Younger generations take pride in continuing age old traditions at the Rock as effectively as their parents did.

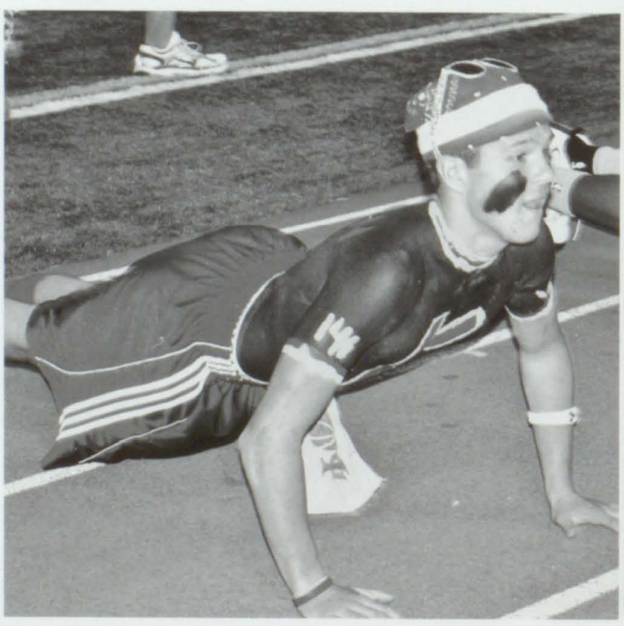
Being a Rock Island Rock is a life-long club that every student becomes a part of when they walk through the glass doors on the first day. "Rocky is such a diverse school. There are so many traditions that come together here, and it's really cool to be a part of," says current student, Cameron Ruiz. Cameron's mother, Kris VanEarwage, also attended the high school. For their four years spent at Rocky, it's up to each student to continue their family's legacy of Rocky Pride and make their own traditions for the following generations to carry on.

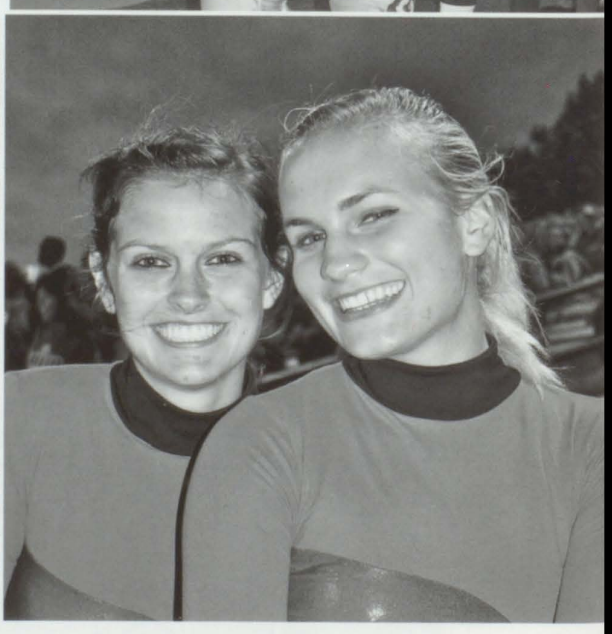
Above: Katie Williams, Tracy Rade, and Bailey McChesney gear up for a home football game.

Middle: Jake Davis gets fired up to make the fans proud before a game.

Far Right: Mackenzie Heriford and Jessica Bacon strike a pose at halftime.

Right: Kyle Carstens shows his strength after one of the Rock's many touchdowns.





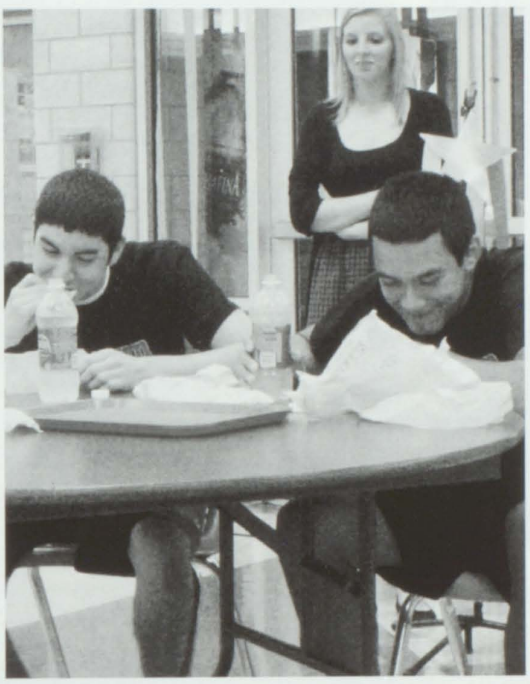
Cha[RI]smatic Contenders

It's not often that one sees teenage boys competing to win a crown in a beauty pageant. However, the senior boys at Rocky are the exception. The Mr. Rocky Pageant is a mock beauty pageant preformed by a few of the senior boys. Each contestant of the pageant had to perform a talent, answer a question, and show their signature walk. Charlie Arteaga, Chasson Randle, Demetrius Clements, Joey Curtiss, Michael Phillips, Thurgood Brooks, and Chris Glover were the contestants for the 2010 show. Travontea Williams was the winner of the pageant, receiving a crown and sash.



The winner, Travontae Williams, displayed his coordination during the talent portion of the contest.

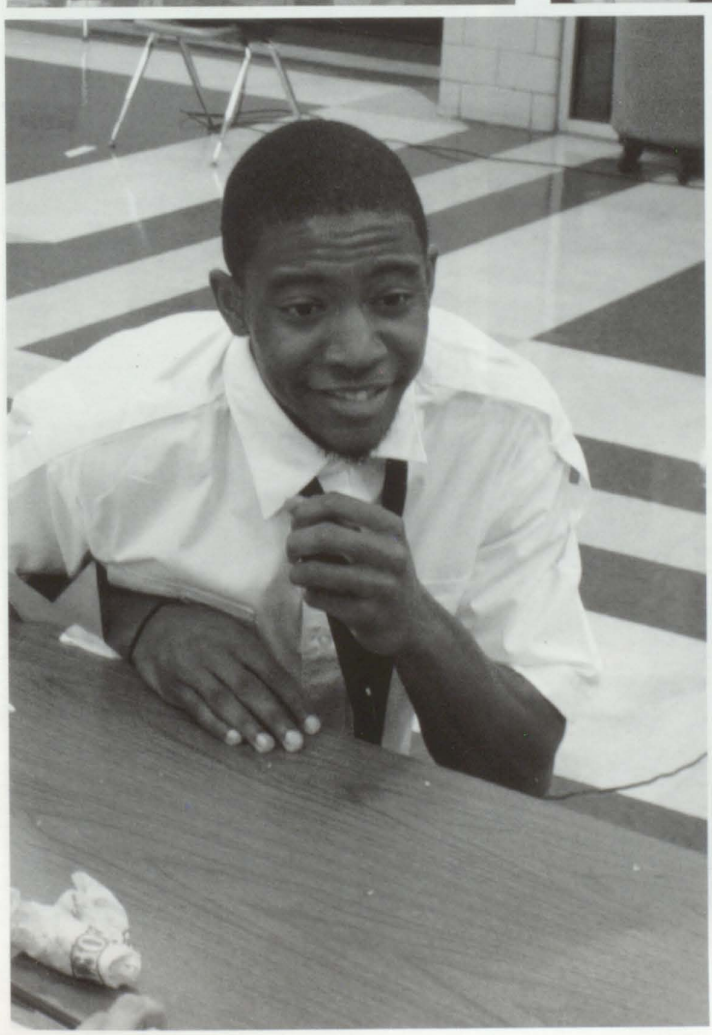




While being timed, Cameron Leiby and Charlie Arteaga attempted to eat 10 Taco Bell tacos each as their talent. Neither finished all 10, but Cameron Leiby ate the most.

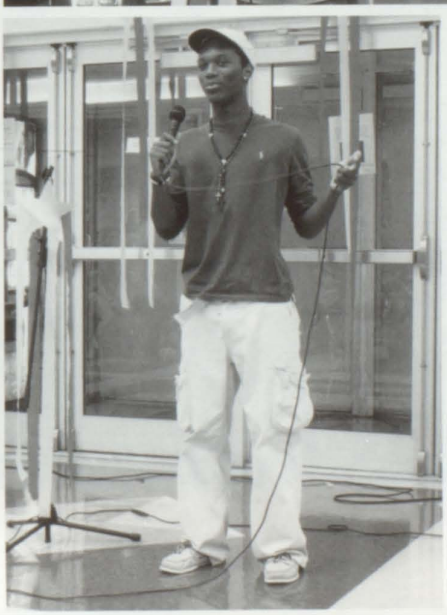
As his talent, Joey Curtiss played a song on the keyboard, while MC Mariah Chapdelaine held his microphone.







Nathan Gray reads a passage for his talent.



The judges were Chasson Randle's sunshines while he sang to them, "You Are My Sunshine."

As his talent, Demetrius Clements, did an act as Bill Cosby.

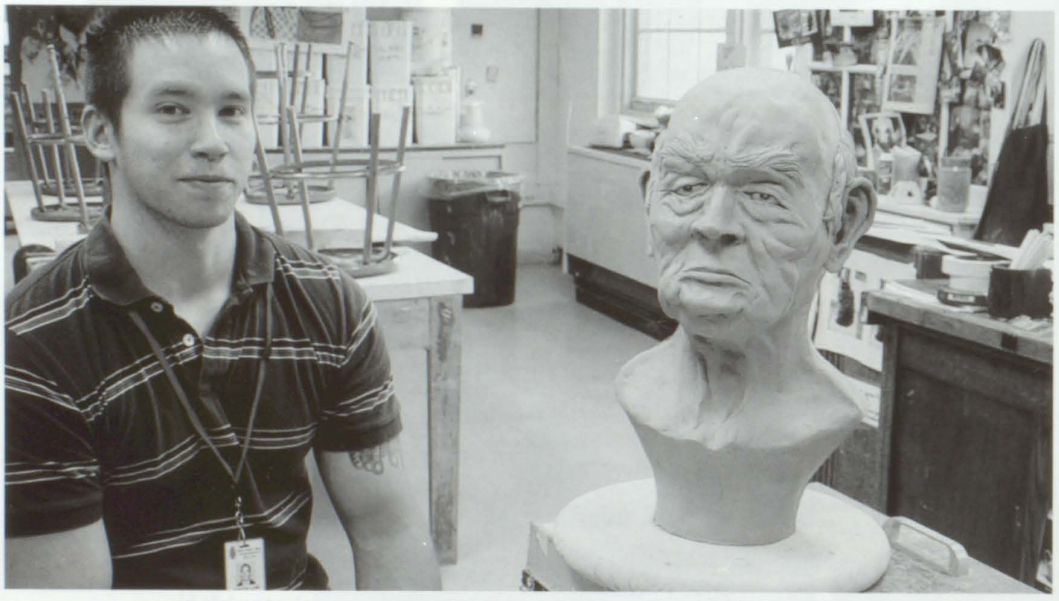
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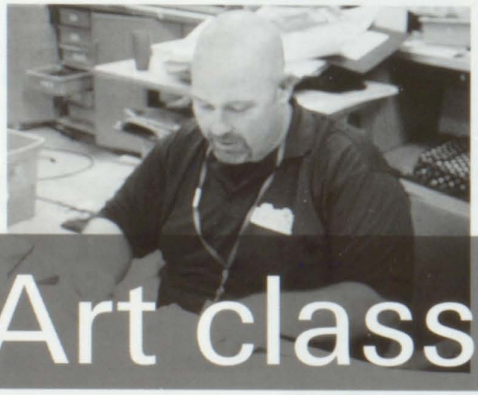












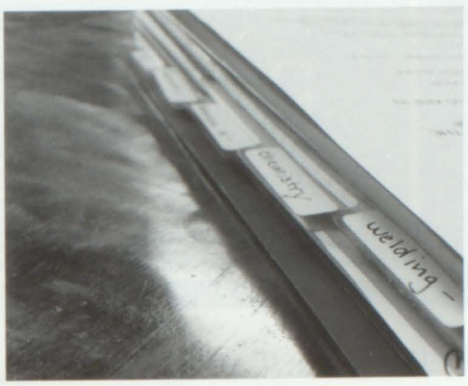


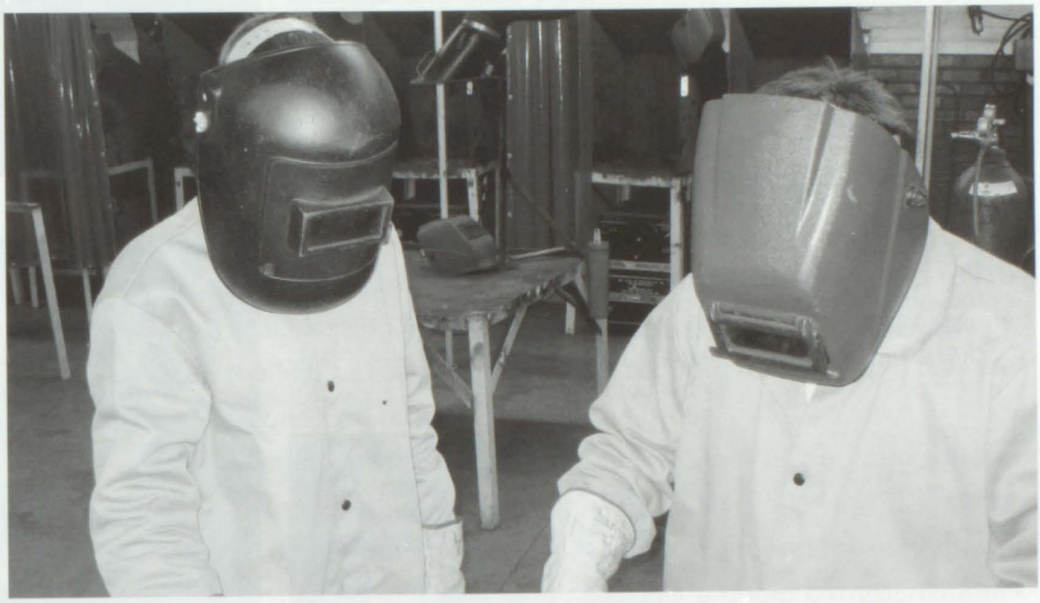
Art classes at RIHS

Welding at Rocky











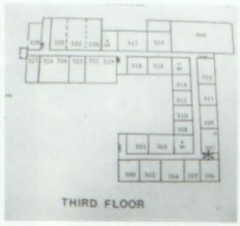






B[RI]ghter than the sun

The Third Floor is home to the Freshman Academy and the Science Department. This becomes a hard floor to get to when the staircases are jammed.



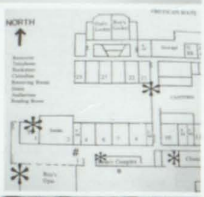
The Second Floor holds one level of the Concourse, along with the Auditorium and a computer lab.

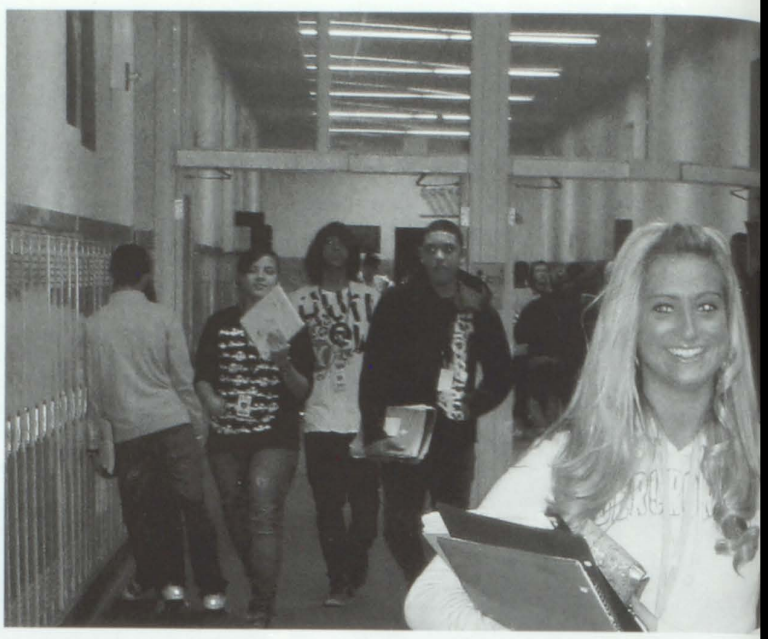


The First Floor of the building holds another level of the Concourse, a floor of the girls' gym, a floor of the Auditorium, the Library, Main Office, Little Theatre, and Band Room are also located here.

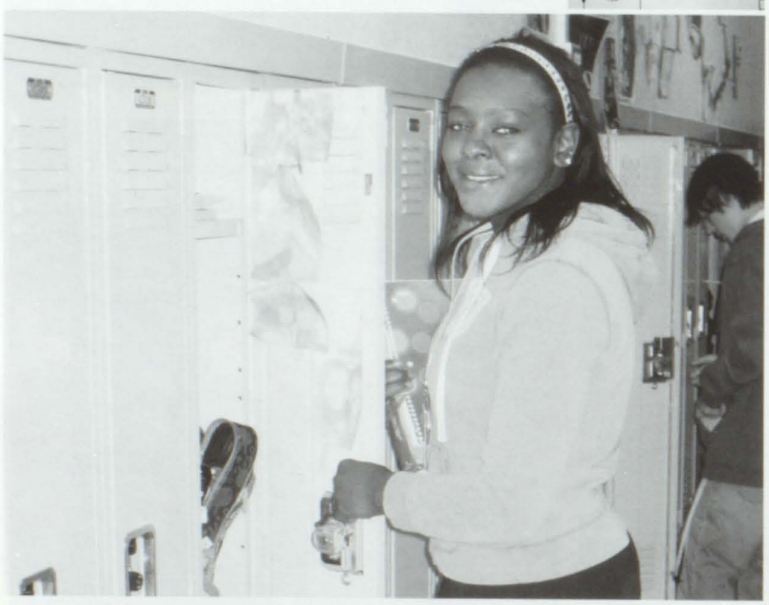


Ground Floor is the main floor of the school, though it holds only a few classrooms, as well as the Dean's Complex, Counselors' Office, Nurse's Office, Cafeteria, the pool, and both gyms.



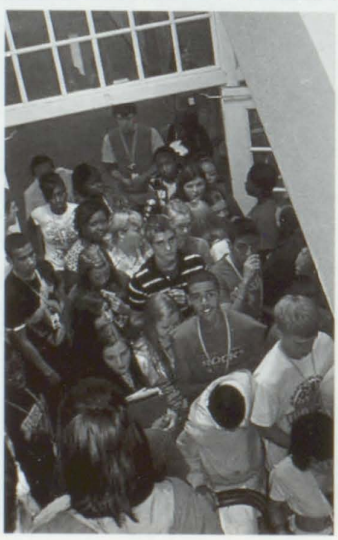




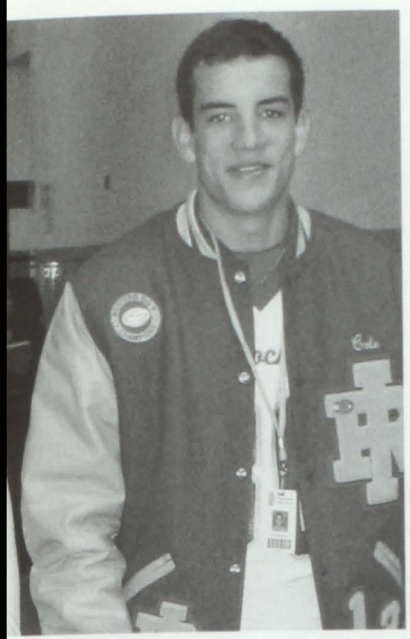


Before going to class, Shamell Mangrum stops at her locker.

Student traffic jams become a frequent problem when too many students try to use the same staircase.







Meande[RI]ng the Rock

With 1599 students at the school, it can be difficult to navigate the halls. With only 5 minutes in between classes and 4 floors to try to get around, it can sometimes not be enough time for students to get to their destination, especially if they have to stop at their locker or use the bathroom.

As an underclassman, just learning to get around the new building, it can be even more challenging. Most students use 5 Points. However, this is one spot to try to avoid. This is where traffic can get pretty jammed.

With hall sweeps at all ends of the hall, getting to class on time is a must! "The Concourse is a real blessing," says Junior Kayla Hawotte. The Concourse is a shortcut between the left and right wings of the school. Many people use the Concourse to cut from one side of the school to the other.

When groups of student stand in the middle of the hallway and talk or block lockers, getting to class can be almost impossible. Following the same routes everyday can make everything a lot easier. Routes around the school can be challenging, but once students get it down, things are under control. Though the school can seem immense, it's all about the navigation.



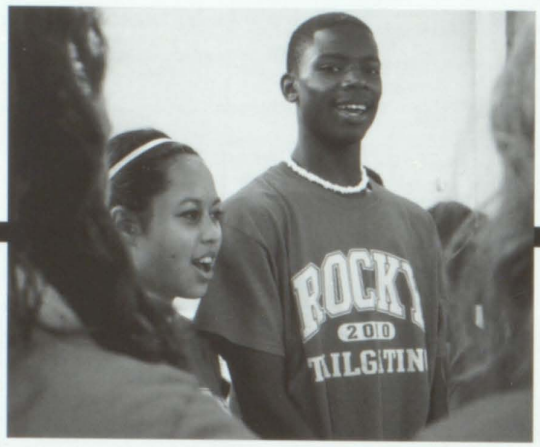




The Concourses are located between the ground and first floor and the first and second floors. Students use these to save time and avoid crowds.



These students are using the hall in front of the Library to avoid the crowds.


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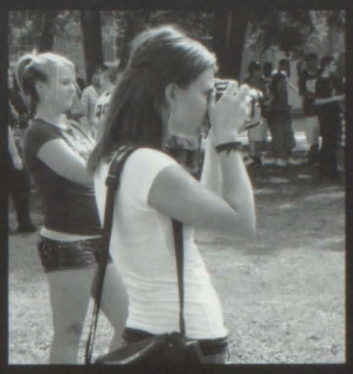






Discove[RI]ng-

aspects about yourself through extra curricular activities.



High school isn't just a time for having fun and getting ready for the future. It's about learning about yourself, or discove[RI]ng. At Rocky, we have a vast variety of clubs, after school activities, and other extra curricular activities where students discover talents, friends, and lifelong interests. These activities are set up to group kids with common interests, and give students the ability to not only learn about themselves, but learn from others, as well. From the well known foreign language clubs, all the way to the lesser known, and populated clubs, such as Teens 4 Tomorrow, there is sure to be a club suited for everyone.

Being involved in a club can be as simple as paying your membership dues, or admittance might be a little more in depth, involving an essay. These activities can open students up to new ideas, new perspectives, new realizations, and maybe even a new world. Annually, the Student Council does the Student Hunger Drive, which helps the hungry in our area by banding the whole community together for a common cause. The Environmental Action Club is active in our everyday routines, as those blue recycling bins you see around school are a direct action to support the ideas in the EAC. Some clubs are only funded by members, and others have endorsements from outside organizations. Zavier Clark, president of the Interact Club says, "Students have a lot of power, and they hardly utilize it." These activities, not only open students up to personal discove[RI]es, but also realizations about the group they involve themselves in.

An improv-fueled Drama club member and the little girl asking her daddy for a pony, now grown up and leading the Equestrian club do, indeed, have something in common. They found a club suited for them at Rocky. When it comes down to it, no matter what interest, no matter what person, everyone can go through their years at Rocky discove[RI]ng whatever it is that sparks an interest, and make a change in themselves.



TRIvia Pursuit

Intelligence can earn students more achievements than good grades and the opportunity to go to college. At Rocky, the Academic Team offers students the chance to use their brains to compete against other schools. The team encourages students to use their brain power, paired with the information they learned in school, to outscore other students in scholastic competitions.

The Academic Team gives students another chance to be proud of their intelligence. "Our goal is to make sure the kids have fun and learn at the same time," Mrs. Bohling says. The team only has a few members, but it's a great group. "Joey Curtiss is our team captain, and has been for all 4 years," Bohling explains. "He is very dependable and a great role model for the younger players."

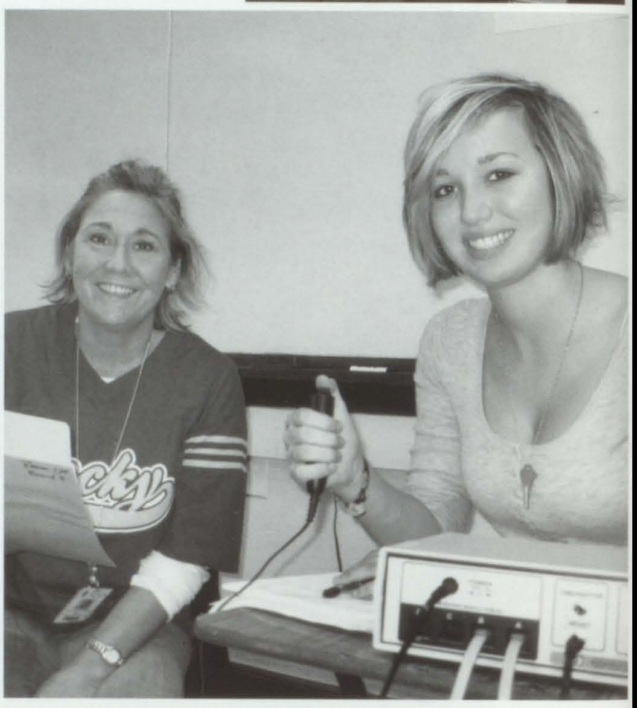
Every year, the students compete against other schools from around the area and around the state. While the team has struggled this season, Mrs. Bohling remains hopeful for the group's future, stating, "Next year, I hope our team grows and focuses on areas to improve our team."

Despite the team's struggles, Bohling acknowledges that the benefits and focus of the team are not solely based on victories. She explains that the team provides "a great learning experience for the students, and it lets the them meet new people." In fact, her favorite aspect of coaching the team isn't winning competitions, but "working with the same group of kids for four years and watching them grow."

The Academic Team has both Varsity and JV Teams. On the Varsity Team, juniors and seniors, Kate Boyd, Joey Curtiss, Alex Mahaffey, Egan Maginas, Quinton Wilson, and Zack Russell compete.



Right : Zack Russell argues a point.







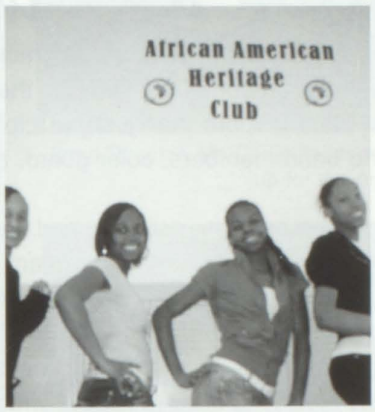


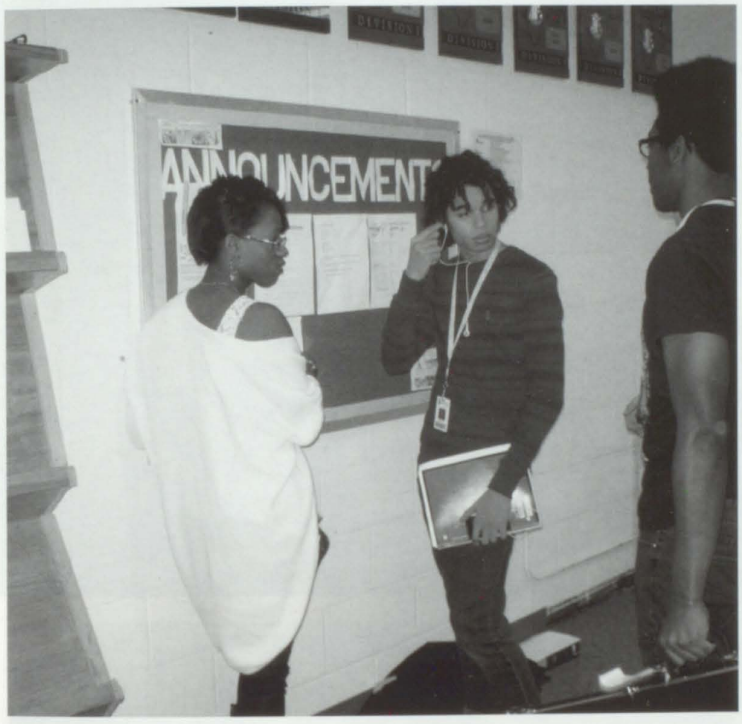


Above: Sydnie McNeal practices for a competition during a meeting.
Above Right: Hannah Mahaffey pushes a buzzer with Mrs. Juscius.
Far Right: Mason Moss and Zack Russell have a friendly argument over an answer.
Right: The boys of Academic Team chill out and rock out when they find some down time during a competition.



African Ame[RI]can Heritage Club







Above: African American Heritage Club members (Listed from left to right) Jayla Morrow, Aliyah Branigan, Advisor Ms. Rice, Yaffa Rauls, and Laneeka Adams.



While small in numbers, Rocky's African American Heritage Club is determined to make an impact. Advisor Ms. Rice explains their goals, stating, "We hope to promote diversity amongst all RIHS students and organizations," as well as "to learn, explore, and celebrate the history of African Americans and their heritage." The club has seven members, and Laneeka Adams serves as the president and Aliyah Branigan, the vice president.

The members are active, participating in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade, NAACP Health Fair, Black History Month, a student fashion show, and college visits. Throughout the club's active year, Ms. Rice's favorite memory of the group was decorating for Black History Month. "This was the first time that the students decided to decorate the display case outside of the library on their own," Ms. Rice explains.

R.I.H.S. Band

Hono[RI]ng

the Crimson and the Gold



Each season, the band puts in more than thirty hours of practice during the summer, along with rehearsing twice a week during marching season. They sacrifice their fall break for even more practice during the week days. Being in the band is more than just participating in an extra curricular activity. Through all of this time together, the band members, color guard, and directors develop a strong and unique bond.

The band performs locally at pep assemblies, parades, and football games. Each game starts off with the traditional pre-game show featuring the band, color guard, and cheerleaders. On weekends, the band travels to their competitions, bright and early. Their day consists of loading the buses (seniors first), arriving at their destination, getting dressed and ready in uniform, warming up, and then, finally performing in front of a huge crowd. The biggest tradition for the band happens when they return to Rocky after a football game or competition. The band members wrap their arms around each other and sing the Rock Island Alma Mater.

The 2010 season was another successful season for the band. The Pride of Rock Island overcame many obstacles and hardships within their July to October season. "This has been one of the funnest seasons! I was thrilled the band had a great, positive mindset this year, despite the fact we threw something totally new at them. They saw the opportunity and grabbed it," stated band director, Pete Carlin. The band achieved their number one goal on October 23rd, at the Illinois State University Marching Invitational, getting third place in their class. Despite the challenges, the band grew strong together and performed their best, to prove to everyone that Rock Island has p[RI]de.



The 2010-2011 Concert Band



The 2010-2011 Jazz Band



The 2010-2011 Symphonic Band



The 2010 Pride of Rock Island Marching Band





Band Director, Mr. Carlin, takes a quick picture with his son while setting up for the night's performance.



Sophomore, Haley Anderson plays game with the band during a Friday night football game.





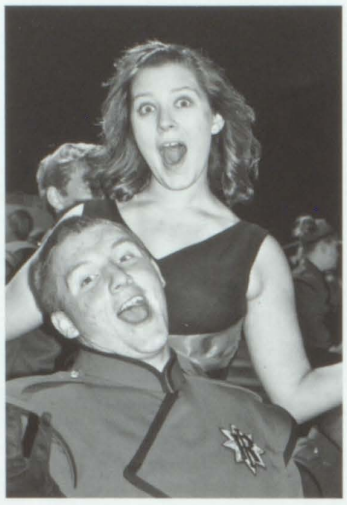


On Senior Night 2010, seniors Mackenzie Heriford, Sarah McKay, Mariah Benson, Anna Pienta, and Jessica Bacon pose for a picture.

Performances/Competitions

- Every home football game.
- Rock Island and Milan Labor Day parades.
- Morton Pumpkin Festival: 3rd Place in Class 3A.
- Showcase of Bands.
- Downers Grove South: 8th Place in Class 2A.
- Lincoln-Way Invitational: 4th Place in Class 2A.
- Illinois State University Invitational: 3rd Place in Class 3A, winning the "Crowd Pleaser" Award over one of the top bands in Illinois.

Right: The Color Guard shows off their new outfits at a football game.
Middle: Nick Lee and Sarah Koppenhoefer have a blast on Senior Night.
Left: The band yells and cheers during the Friday night games.













Right: Members of the pit have some fun at Preview Night.
Above Middle: The band practices during Fall Band Camp.
Above: Members of the band stand at attention during a halftime show.









Top: The band's new trailer surprised everyone this season.
Middle: Shaniece Walker helps Sarah McKay and Mariah Benson celebrate their last football game.
Bottom Right: Victoria Heimann, Haley Anderson, and Samantha McCollum enjoy a Friday night game.
Bottom Left: Samantha Cram and Sydnie McNeal enjoy a bus ride during the season.





Top: The Seniors gather together to sing the Alma Mater on Senior Night.
Above: The Color Guard shows off their skills in front of the school at the Rally at the Rock .

A GROWING ENTERP[RI]SE

Business Internship at Rocky

Every student would say that going to school is a job within itself, and many students wish they could be paid to go. That will probably never happen, but wouldn't it be great to have a job where you could not only get paid, but also earn school credits? Business Internship at Rocky gives students that chance. The program is a way for students to work and earn way more than money.

Business Internship is an organization where students can learn the ropes of having a job and balancing school in the real world. "You need to be a junior or a senior to join, and must have your own job before joining the class." Mrs. Quinlin said. "This class teaches students about responsibility and hard work. The skills the students learn are good attendance, promptness, cooperation, and dependability; which are key roles to having a job and schooling," Mrs. Quinlin explained.

Working isn't the only task that the students are expected to accomplish. They also participate in many activities. "Some of the activities include tax preparation, check writing and reconciliation, resume writing, interview practicing, and much more," Quinlin explained. The whole purpose of Business Internship isn't only to help kids learn how to be an adult, or how to keep a job, but it also teaches students responsibility. "Many students move on to college or other jobs, but with this class, they have a good start on establishing a good work record along with experience on their resumes," Mrs. Quinlin said.

Business Internship is a way for students to not only work, but earn school credits. The students learn how to keep a job and become good workers. It teaches them responsibility, and gives them an insight on how life out in the real world will be like for them. It is a great learning experience and leaves the students with a little more insight on their futures.

Demi Tolliver works the cash register at McDonalds.







Above: Allycia Andrews helps out at the Martin Luther King Center.

Above right: Taking orders at Hardees, Alexia Harris greets customers with a smile.

Right: Cody Ashpaugh buses tables at Pinocchio's.

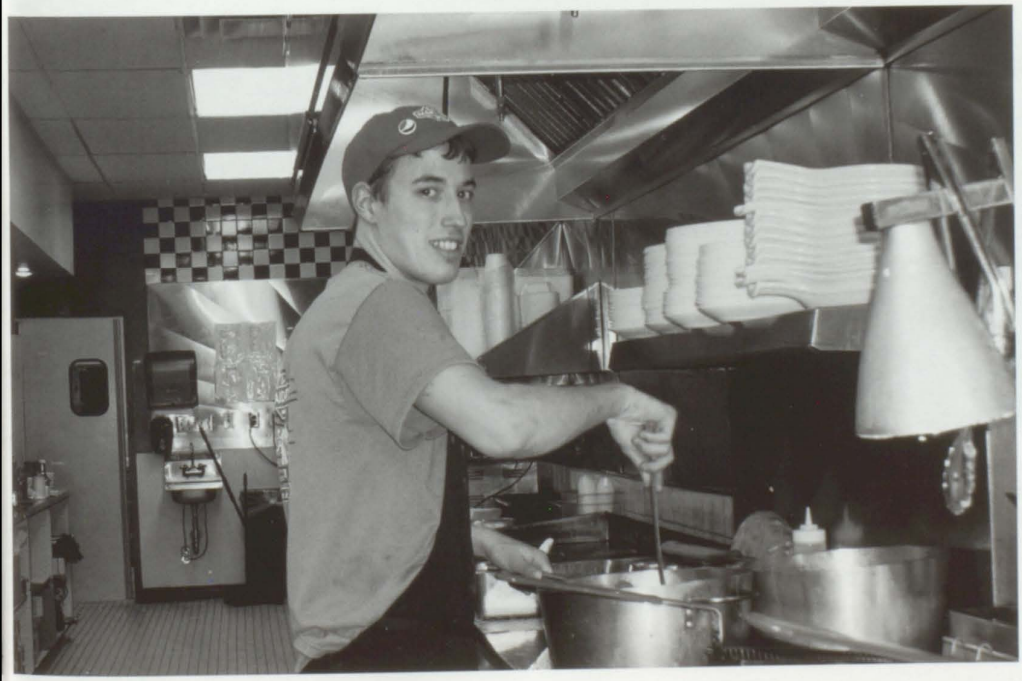




Left: Following the motto, "A smile in every aisle," DeBreanna Christian runs the cashier with a smile at Hy-Vee.

Below: Mama Mia! Katie Frain whips up pizzas that are nice and hot at the local Happy Joe's, making sure that there is a slice for everyone.







Above: Working with chocolate sauce, vanilla ice cream, sprinkles, and toppings of all sorts, Brittany Herbert's job at Country Style had to be sweet.

Left: Kadance Lott makes sure that everything is "made right" while working his job at Made-Rite. Complete with whipped cream wars, '50s motif, and the classic signature sandwiches, Kadance Lott's job is different than the rest.

A [RI]veting Performance

From high notes to low notes, and all voices, ranging from a bass to a soprano, Rocky's Choirs have it all. Choir is all about rhythm and melody, and the Concert and Symphonic Choirs' hard work and practice have made them masters of both. When starting choir, most students begin in Concert Choir, and later, work their way up to Symphonic Choir.

Mr. Voigt, the choir director, explains that Concert Choir is key for students who start off singing at the high school for the first time. "I say the biggest differences between Concert and Symphonic, is that Concert is where students start really learning how to sing, while kids in Symphonic have more experience with everything," Mr. Voigt explains. Concert Choir is where students learn about singing and music. "They learn how to read music, take notes, and learn how, not only to sing solo, but as a group," Voigt explains. Learning to sing isn't easy. It takes a lot of work and determination to make sure the music and concerts are well done. "In Concert Choir, getting the students' voices to mesh well together is a struggle, but once done, the sound is excellent," Mr. Voigt says. Mr. Voigt explains that preparing the Symphonic Choir for concerts is different because "the Symphonic students have a pretty good feeling of how their voices work with others." Every year, a new group of students joins Concert and Symphonic, bringing new personalities to each group. "Many new students come in, but also, we have some students from the previous year. I can honestly say each group is just as fun, and has their own unique personalities," Voigt says. "I feel that by the end of each year, the students leave with a better understanding of music, and also end up loving music they didn't before."

Concert Choir is where the voices of the students begin to be heard, and Symphonic is where their voices begin to blossom. Choir requires learning, hard work and dedication. It's about enhancing the students' skills as singers, or even helping them to break out into singing for the first time. Choir is a way for students to find themselves and experience new music, and most importantly, let their riveting voices be heard.



Mr. Voigt directs the choir before their concert.



The choir goes over their songs the day before their concert. Practice is everything when giving a performance.



The Symphonic Choir

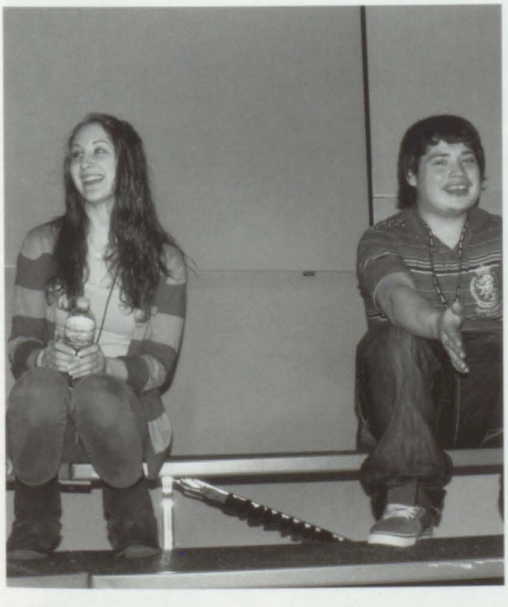




Above: The Choir members show off their lighter side.



The Concert Choir

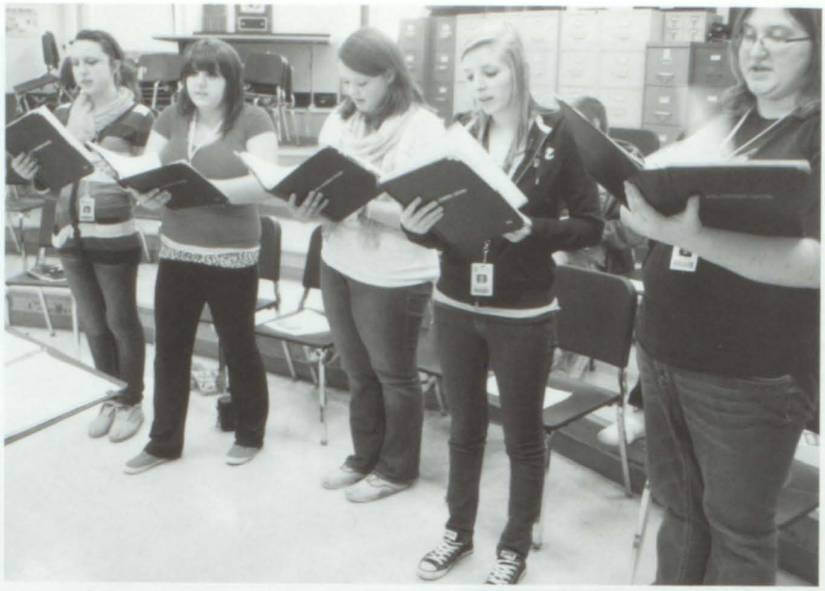




Above: While practicing, the Symphonic Choir members wait for the director to give them instructions.

Left: After setting up the bleachers, James Hart and Elizabeth Donner take a breather and chat with friends for a bit, before practicing their pieces.









Members of Chamber Choir 2010-2011:
Leah Michel, Mariah Chapdelaine, Christina Roberts, Michael Phillips, Michael Davis, Shaquille Jalloh, Erica Bussey, Jasmine Kitterman, Alex Agbayani, Alexa Penn, Kirsten Kettering, Lamon Phillips, Ruben Garcia, Ashley Broadnax, Sydney Hinton, Steven Nowinski, Marcus Jackson

OUR FAVORITE SONGS & GENRES!

" 'This is how we do it' -Montell Jordan"
Erica Bussey

"Iwrestledabearonce"
Alexa Penn

"Hip Hop"
Shaquille Jalloh

"R&B"
Lamon Phillips

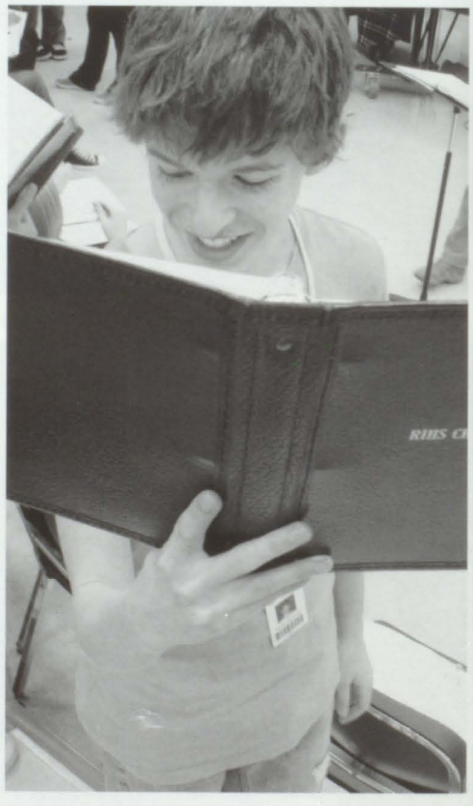
"Country"
Leah Michel

" 'The Best Thing About Me Is You' - Ricky Martin"
Christina Roberts

"Musicals"
MARIAH CHAPDELAINE

" 'Kings and Queens' - 30 Seconds To Mars"
Steven Nowinski

"Alternative"
Jasmine Kitterman



Top Left: Mr.Voigt directs the Chamber Choir during an assembly.
Top: The Sopranos practice during class.
Bottom: Steven Nowinski happily sings a song during rehearsal.



Hitting the [RI]ght Note

Getting the audition sheet of music in early May for hopeful Chamber singers is a very exciting and anxious time. All people auditioning must write a paper describing why they would be a great addition to the top choir. When you step inside the room to audition, you are faced by the one, the only, Mr.Voigt. He tells you to begin whenever you are ready. After the audition, most usually say that it was a piece of cake, while others are glad to be out of there alive. "Walking in the room, you're pretty nervous, but once the song begins, it's like first nature," says Erica Bussey. It's a grueling process, and Mr.Voigt only chooses 16-20 students who he thinks can handle the tough season ahead.

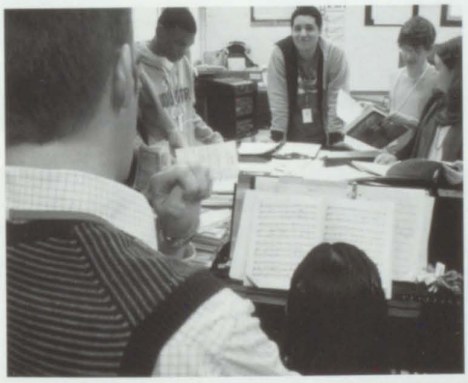
The Chamber Singers start the school year off with learning their music, theory, and scales for the fall portion of the year. Jasmine Kitterman says that her favorite part of being in Chamber is "the freedom to move around the room and not be stuck in desks the whole hour." Michael Phillips explains the group's progress, stating, "The songs sound really jumbled and unpracticed when we first get them, but by the end of the quarter, the songs sound amazing." Soon after fall, the hardest season of them all approaches- Chamber Christmas.

During the Holiday season, the RIHS Chamber Singers travel to multiple locations to bring holiday cheer to everyone. This year, the locations included KWQC's Paula Sands Live, The Lodge, KUUL 101.3, and Abbey Station. "It was a new experience working with KUUL 101.3 and singing in a recording room for the Quad Cities. We also got to watch how the radio station functions while we were there," says Christina Roberts. The winter season brings this group so much closer, as they spend hours of extra time together preparing for these events. Chamber Christmas may sound like a walk in the park for the singers, but in reality, it also comes with some hardships. "Slipping on the ice while wearing a long gown isn't exactly the most comfortable thing," Alexa Penn says.

During IMEA contest auditions this year, several singers received recognition, including Christina Roberts, Alexa Penn, Mariah Chapdelaine, Leah Michel, Sydney Hinton, Alex Agbayani, Michael Phillips, Shaquille Jalloh, Michael Davis, Steven Nowinski, and Lamon Phillips . All State is considered a top honor in choir, and this year the Chamber Choir was lucky enough to have two members make the cut. Mariah Chapdelaine and Alexa Penn both met the requirements to travel to Peoria. Alexa made Jazz and Mariah made Chorus.

Musical contest rolls around right after the new year. All the students must sing together, and are also given the chance to sing solos and be in their own ensembles. After the winter season of Chamber Choir comes the POPS Concert.

The POPS Concert is a modern concert given by the students. The themes can range from Broadway to TV theme songs. Chamber Singers use choreography, making it one of the most enjoyable concerts of the year, and a great way to end a season in Chamber. Just know, the next time you see a red gown or a dashing tuxedo, you will know that this is a symbol of RIHS Chamber Singers.









Top Left: Sopranos take a rest while the Basses learn new material.
Middle Left: Mr.Voigt directs the kids while at the piano.
Middle Center: Mariah Chapdelaine and Kirsten Kettering get together and joke around during class.
Middle Right: Mr.Voigt makes sure the Chamber Singers are on key.
Bottom: Alex Agbayani, Erica Bussey, and Jasmine Kitterman smile for the camera.



Above: Abigail Calder envisions her deceased daughter during the fall play, Mother Hicks.

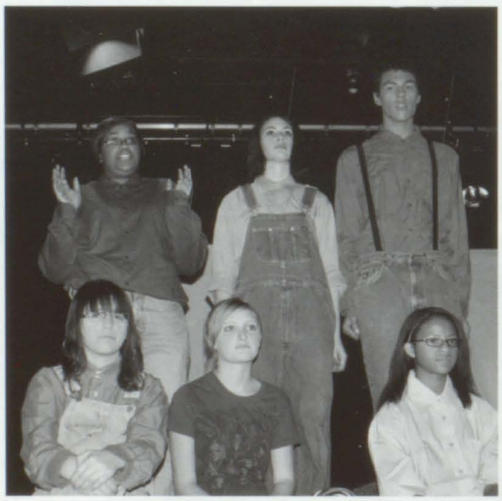
Below: Joey Curtiss delivers a searing speech about the effects of the Great Depression to Michaela Garrison.



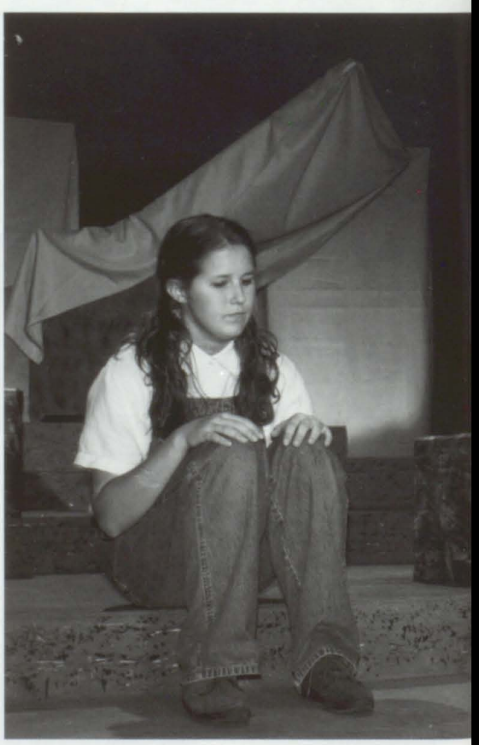




Above: Michael Phillips understands Mariah Chapdelaine's desire to take in Girl, but he wants to protect her from getting hurt.



Above: The Chorus– Lily NgDung, Kayla Jacobs, Breayona Reed, Chandra Smith, Kirsten Kettering, Shawn Eggers– help narrate the story.



Right: Michaela Garrison shows a moment of weakness as she struggles to find her true identity and requests the help of Abigail Calder.



Performing for the Playw[RI]ght

From August to November, the Theatre Department was busy preparing for an experience they'd never forget. The fall play, *Mother Hicks*, was a chance to show talent, learn lessons, and forge new relationships. The students worked in tandem with the Moline High School Theatre Department's production of *The Taste of Sunrise*. Both plays were written by Suzan Zeder, who graced the Quad Cities with a visit specially catering to the RIHS and MHS groups. The play brought a new and exciting experience to senior member Michael Davis, who learned sign language for the role of the deaf narrator. Senior Mariah Chapdelaine said meeting Ms. Zeder was her favorite memory from the process. Fellow cast member, Michael Phillips, also cited the thrill of being onstage as a lasting memory. When all was said and done, the play was an adventure that many will remember.











Top Left: Christian Colmenares attempts to wrangle Kylie Straw into his trouble - making.

Bottom Left: The cast of *Mother Hicks* had a memorable visit from the playwright, Suzan Zeder.

Top Right: Chris Brackney over-exaggerates directions for Michael Davis, whose character is deaf and speaks with sign language, in the play *Mother Hicks*.

Bottom Right: Chris Brackney and Nick Lee discuss the legend of Mother Hicks and her whereabouts in Ware, Illinois.

Singin' in the Rain

Remembe[RI]ng the Spring Musical 2010





"Cosmo was a blast to play. Audiences can't help but to love his sense of humor, the one liners, and not to mention, the energy he brings."

Alex Wolking



"I love playing comic characters, and the best aspect of performing is hearing an audience laugh."

Lexi Holtzer

Singin' in the Rain, created an exciting experience for everyone involved. Who knew a musical about the transition from silent movies to "talkies" could be so much fun? A delightful mix of acting, singing, and dancing displayed a great deal of talent and determination from the cast.

Lexi Holtzer said one of her biggest challenges was the tap dancing because it was difficult as a freshman, but she loved it, and worked on her skill. Alex Wolking welcomed another tap challenge fueled by his lovable and energetic character he played onstage.

Many cast members also recall the moment they all had to move the enormous set forward in one piece onstage because of major leaks in the stage ceiling. Moments like this prompted Lexi to say, "...this cast felt more like a family than any show I've done before."

The ensemble finished out the process in a whirlwind of excitement and knew they put on a great show. Amidst the hard work, relationships formed that produced many fond memories.







Bottom Left: Michaela Garrison and Kirsten Kettering smile as they prepare for show time.
Bottom Right: Stephanie Cotton and Andy Curtiss get into their fancy costumes for a movie filming scene.





Far Left: Andy Curtiss and Alex Wolking show their tapping talent during a difficult number.

Left: Alex Wolking and Lexi Holtzer practice some tapping before a show.

Bottom: Alex Wolking gets carried away by Taylor Chappell and Michael Davis during the song, "Make 'Em Laugh."









Above: Denisha Johnson interviews Joey Curtiss during a scene in the musical, *Singin' in the Rain*.

Left: Lexi Holtzer and the chorus dance to the number "Beautiful Girl."



Below: Dressed and ready for this year's Labor Day Parade, Mrs. Wolber joins her students to start.
Below Middle: Allison Mann and Paris Roberts take some time to relax and have fun from all the environmental action.
Bottom: Waiting to cast away, Ben Nevins grabs a swig of water for the journey.











Top Right: Proud members of EAC represent their group by holding their flag for the Labor Day Parade.
Middle Right: The EAC group gets together for a group photo.
Bottom Right: During a meeting, the club members gather together in Mrs. Wolber's back room to hear what their next environmental task is.

cont[RI]buting to the community

Clean it up! Everybody do their share.



The Environmental Action Club does a lot more than simply encourage others to recycle. Mrs. Wolber explains how, "the club exposes students to environmental opportunities that are available in the community, and it can instill responsibility in students because the club handles most of the school's recycling."

To keep things exciting, Mrs. Wolber provides an activity at least once a month full of fun and service to the community. Some of EAC's unique activities consist of skiing, watching a kids' play area at the QCA Expo Center during an outdoors show, the Green Ovation Conference at St. Ambrose in March, and of course, Earth Week in April.

Mrs. Wolber wants to give EAC members an opportunity to go out and show that teens can have a positive impact on the community. Whether they are handing out bags during a parade, taking care of the recycling for the school, or participating in environmental service projects, EAC members are making a noticeable difference. EAC is a great club to be a part of because it gives members a chance to learn responsibility and how to give back to the community, all the while making a better future.

Above: Majd Shiban and Ben Nevins give a thumbs up for EAC.

Right: The entire Environmental Action Club comes together for a group photo.

Far Right: Club members, Ben Nevins, Paris Roberts, and Allison Mann, suit up for a day of environmental cleaning.







Even if the work gets messy, Alicia Friehburg continues to help our community.



Alicia McElroy-Hodges, Marcel Evans, and Laurel Enstrom show their loyalty to EAC by volunteering at Bald Eagle Days.

Not many high schools have the privilege of an Equestrian Club. Those students who take advantage of this opportunity are taught a very unique skill, that of horseback riding. The students go to Horses of Course Riding School in Blue Grass, Iowa. The club's adviser, Mrs. Kantner, teaches the students how to ride horses, as well as, take care of them.

Throughout the year, Equestrian Club members learn how to not only ride the horses, but care for them, too. The club members get the opportunity to learn skills, like barrel racing, by doing drills with the horses. They also learn how to bathe and groom the horses, and feed them treats. The club's focus overall, is to learn horsemanship skills, foster responsibility, and to gain new friendships with people and horses.

Each member is able to bond with their assigned horse. Mrs. Kantner says her favorite aspect of the club is, "seeing the students become confident in their riding skills, and believing in themselves." The Equestrian Club has no distinct leader, as the whole club works as one to learn how to ride and care for the horses. The members view their club as a 'team'. Together, they become better and achieve their goals as riders.



The horses get lots of love from their caretaker, Mrs. Kantner.









Left: Doc is a resident at Horses of Course, which is used by the club members.
Right: Juli Jespersen practices barrel racing with Badger.



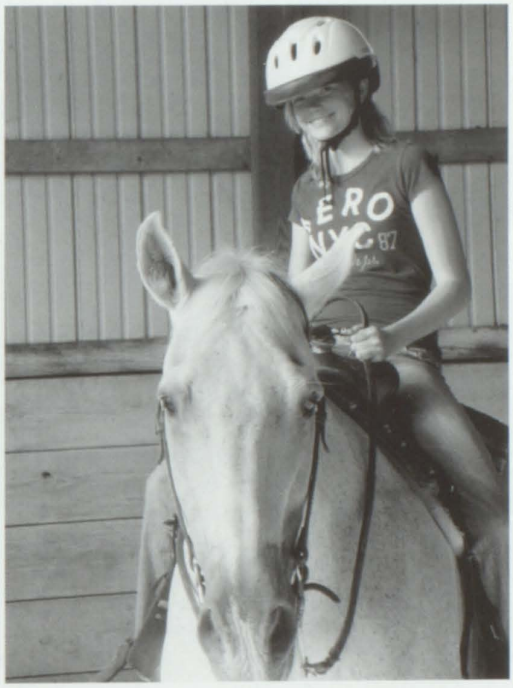


Top Middle: Michela Dorbeck, Elizabeth DePoorter, Mrs. Kantner, Chris Gillespie, and Dustin St. Pierre arrive at the stables.
Middle: Mrs. Kantner takes time to clean and groom the horses.
Bottom Left: Equestrian Club members take a moment to pose with Doc, the horse.
Bottom Right: Mrs. Kantner teaches Elizabeth DePoorter how to properly ride a horse.

Rocks that [RI]de

Below: Cathy Booker sits high in her saddle, waiting to ride.
Below right: Kayla Jackson flashes a smile as she rides.













Above Left: Jillian Jespersen rides during a club meeting.
Above Middle: Members of the Equestrian Club gather around one of their favorite members.
Above Right: Jillian Jespersen dresses up in full riding gear.
Bottom Left: Elizabeth Depoorter saddles up for a ride.

Insc[RI]vez-vous pour le Club Francais



Parlez-vous Francais? The members of French Club do! French Club allows students to experience the French culture without leaving the Quad Cities. As a member of French Club, students get to explore the culture and language of France. Senior President, Taylor Walker, says that her favorite part of French Club is "having fun with all the members." Members get the opportunity to eat French food with trips to French restaurants like La Figaro in downtown Rock Island. Members also visit the Art Institute in Chicago to view art created by French artists. With Augustana College so close to Rocky, students are able to interact with the French Department there. Augustana offers the members a chance to watch a movie completely in French with only English subtitles. In March, the French Club gathers together to celebrate Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras is the celebration of fatty foods before the Lent fasting. In French, Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday."

As the only French teacher, Madame Bouchareb, is the head of French Club. "[French Club] is a good way to share the culture [of France]," Madame Bouchareb explains. French Club is even available to students not registered in French class. "I think [French Club] gives people something to belong to," says Madame. Not only is French Club a good way to get involved, it's a way to create lasting memories in high school. "It is a way to get to meet people who share a common interest in the French language and culture," senior Hope Bushnell explains.

Madame has led French Club since she started teaching at Rocky, and will continue throughout her time here. Students return to enjoy learning the French culture and the interactions and friendships formed in the club. With Madame's enthusiasm, students continue to come back year after year, and undoubtedly, will continue to do so.







Top: Senior President, Taylor Walker, talks to other members during the International Day.

Middle: The French Club gathers in Madame's room.

Bottom: French IV members, Adryan Bradford and Moriah Shivers compete in a horse race against members from the Spanish and German Clubs at the International Day.





Top: Senior Moriah Shivers and Madame share a laugh at the International Day.

Middle: French Club Vice President, Laurel Enstrom, gathers the gifts during the La Figaro Christmas Party.

Bottom: French Club members discuss their plans for Homecoming decorations.

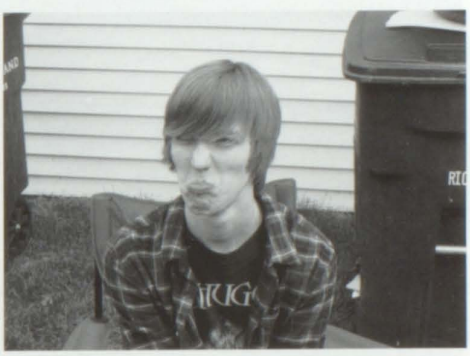
EXPLO[RI]NG GERMAN CLUB

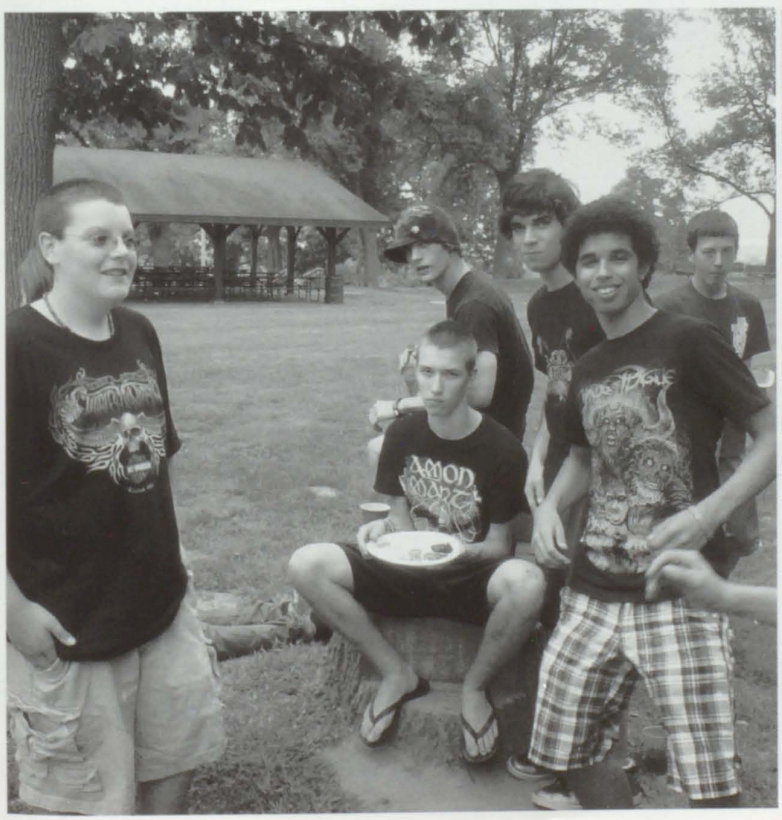
Viel Gluck und Wilkommen! In English this means, "Good Luck and Welcome!" Mr. Eli, the advisor of German Club and German teacher, has been at Rocky for 5 years. He loves doing the German Club and having the opportunity to participate in the many German-related activities the club is involved in. Members get together twice a month to "have picnics at the park, play card games, go to the German-American Heritage Center, make t-shirts, and many other interesting activities throughout the year," Eli explains. German Club members get the chance to visit the German-American Heritage Center in Davenport, Iowa. The members get to learn about the heritage of German immigrants who lived in the Midwest in the 1800's. They take trips to Longview Park to have picnics. Freshman German Club member, Hanna Mahaffey, says she enjoys German Club because "We have cool t-shirts!" The members of German Club get to learn more about the language and culture of Germany outside of just taking the German classes. They even get to watch movies in German. As Mr. Eli explains, German Club is all about learning, having fun, and meeting new people who have the same interest- German!



Left: Ivan Starenko, Andrew Martensen, Kyle Hipkins, P.J. DelaRosa, and Jared Klingbeil gather together to watch a German movie.

Below: Alex Mahaffey jokes around while at the International Day.





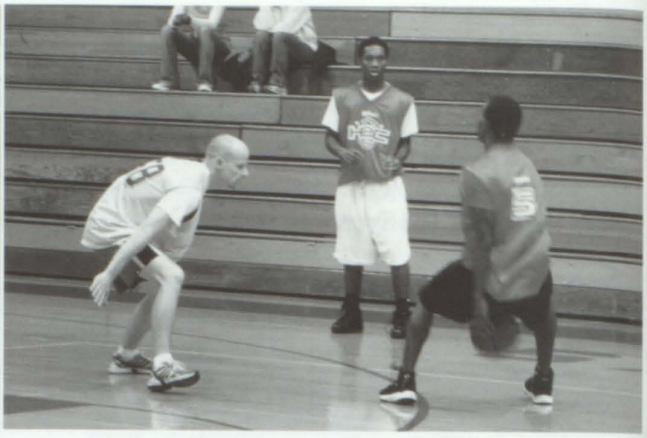


Left: The German Club boys (Chris Brackney, Alex Mahaffey, Josh Lueders, Egan Maginis, Jared Perkins, and Hery Roderick) decide to take a break before getting back to having fun on their picnic.

Above: The German crew have fun on the jungle gym during their picnic.

Cha[RI]ty - Helping those in need





Interact Club is a student-led, charitable club that focuses on community service in Rock Island. The main success of the club comes down to the initiative of its members. "The students are serious about the club. All of our members have a desire to help others," says Interact advisor, Anthony McConnell.

The Interact Club also focuses on hosting school events in order to raise money for designated causes. This year, the Interact Club hosted the Student Vs. Staff Basketball Game, where a team of Rocky students took it to the court to face their teachers. Proceeds from the event and others were donated to the Centro Maya Project, which does "a variety of things in Guatemala," says Mr. McConnell.

Rotary International is an organization that helps make the Interact Club successful by generously matching every dollar raised by Interact for certain charities. Interact Club is one of the most giving and creative clubs at our school. They organize and run fun events to help those in need.



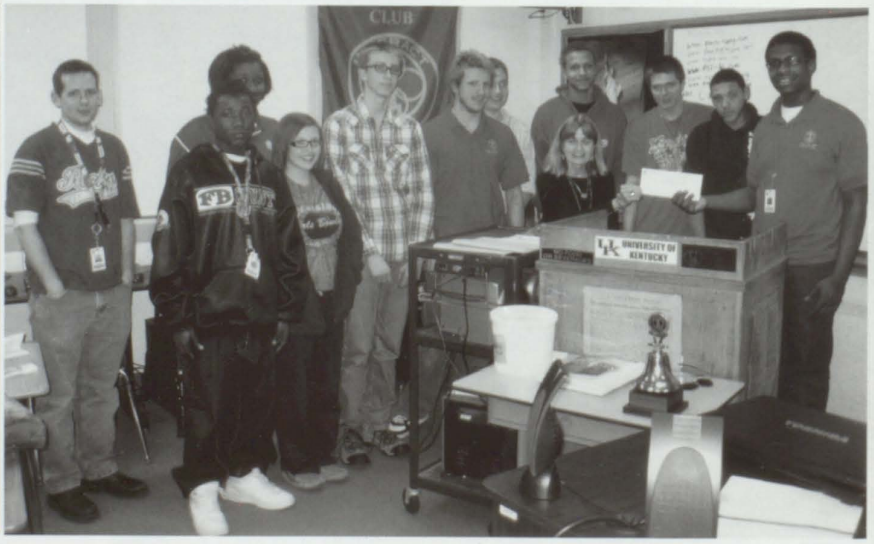


Above: The students and teachers came together to support the Central Maya Project by putting on a basketball game for other students, friends, and family to attend.

Far Left: Mr. McConnell, Jean-Jacques Sawadogo, and Ben Payne listen intently to a guest speaker.

Left: Alexa Penn, Aly Howette, and Alysha McElroy-Hodges show their pride by volunteering for the Interact Club.

Below: The entire Interact Club comes together for a group photo.







Left: The Entertainment Club poses for a goofy shot.
Middle Left: Christian Colmenaris and Andrew Pearson play an eventful game of Magic.
Below Right: Ronald O'Houlahan enjoys playing his Nintendo DS.
Bottom Left: Jacob Lavine is getting his Yu-Gi-Oh cards ready for a duel.



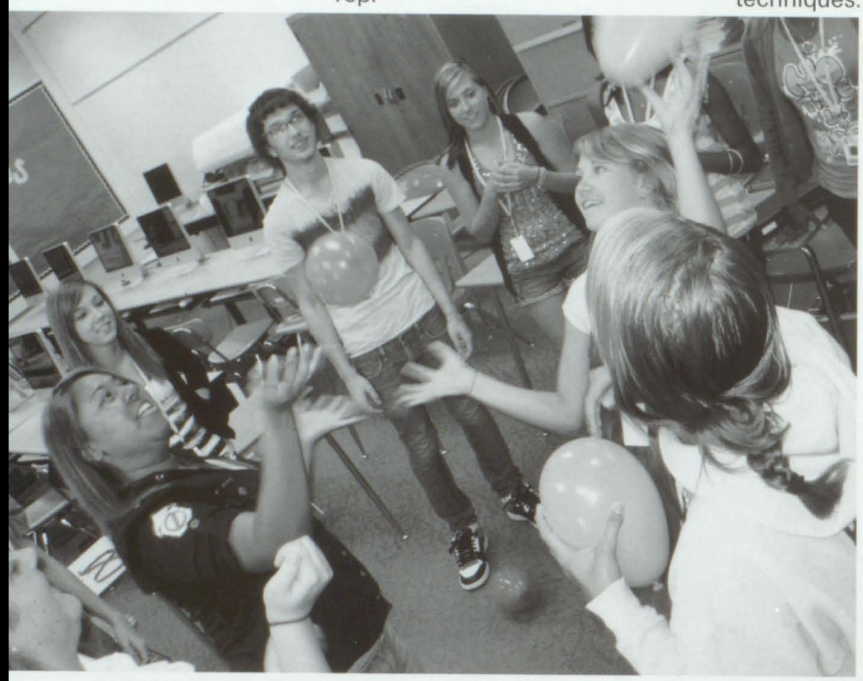


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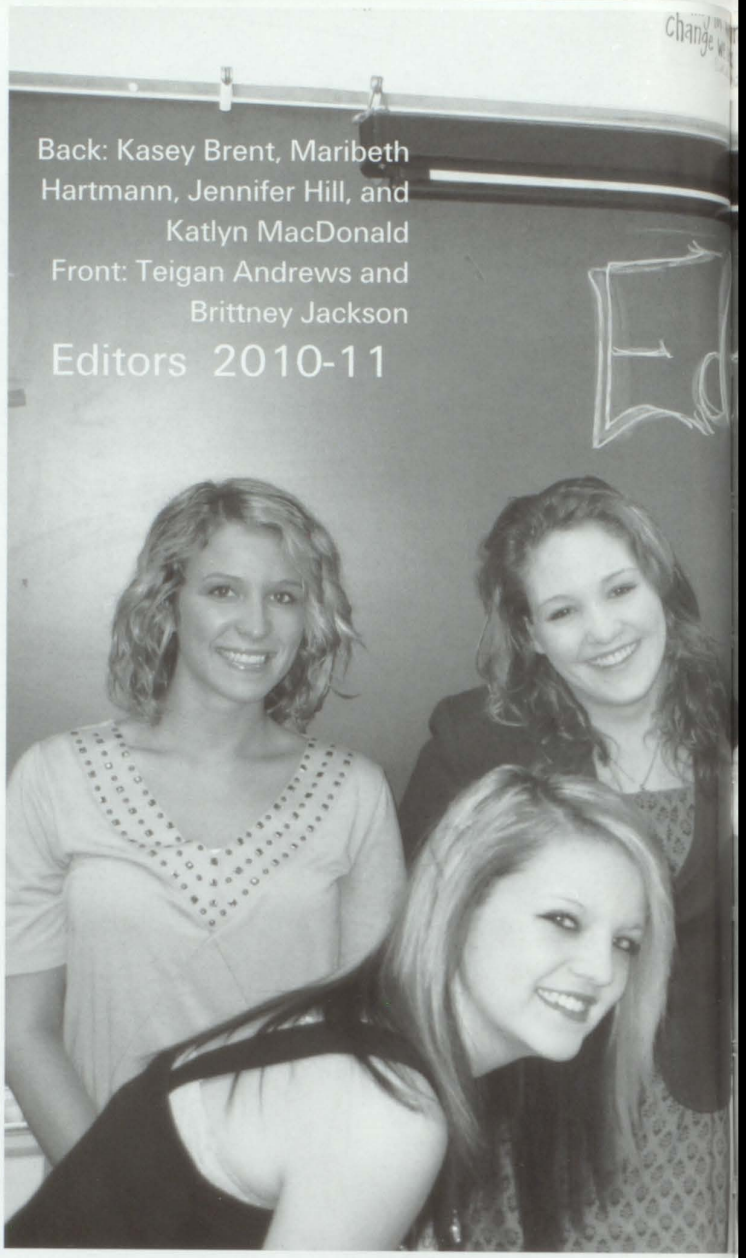
The Entertainment Club is a place where students can gather to play games, read, and draw. They gather once a week and engage in each others' conversations and friendly competitions. The club offers many games and supplies, such as remote controllers and playing cards, including Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, WarCraft, and Magic: the Gathering. The Entertainment Club was once known as the Anime Club and Video Games Club, but Mr.Kennelly found that it took too much time to manage the two groups, so he explains that he "merged them into a super group of awesomeness."



Above: During 5th period, Miss Miers teaches students interviewing techniques.



Below: The 7th period class enjoys activities with the HJ rep.



Back: Kasey Brent, Maribeth Hartmann, Jennifer Hill, and Katlyn MacDonald
Front: Teigan Andrews and Brittney Jackson

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{Theme}

"We look at what is popular, but also what people will remember. We try to think of a theme that a majority of people will like, and definitely one that we can have fun with."

- Miss Miers

{Coverage}

"Each page is usually covering what the subject is 'about'. Visual depiction is used to express the emotions of all of the people included. Interviews and quotations are added to bring others closer to knowing the people involved."

-Maribeth Hartmann

{Layouts}

"A good page layout must include a good arrangement of pictures and paragraphs. An interesting title is important. It catches the readers' attention."

- Garry Allbritton

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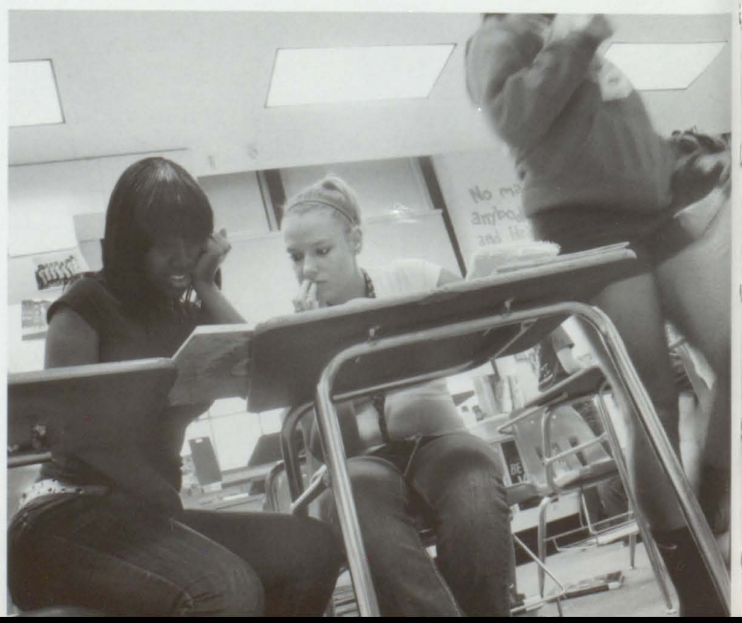
"The most important step is making sure you have the main idea and all the important facts."

- Joy Jackson

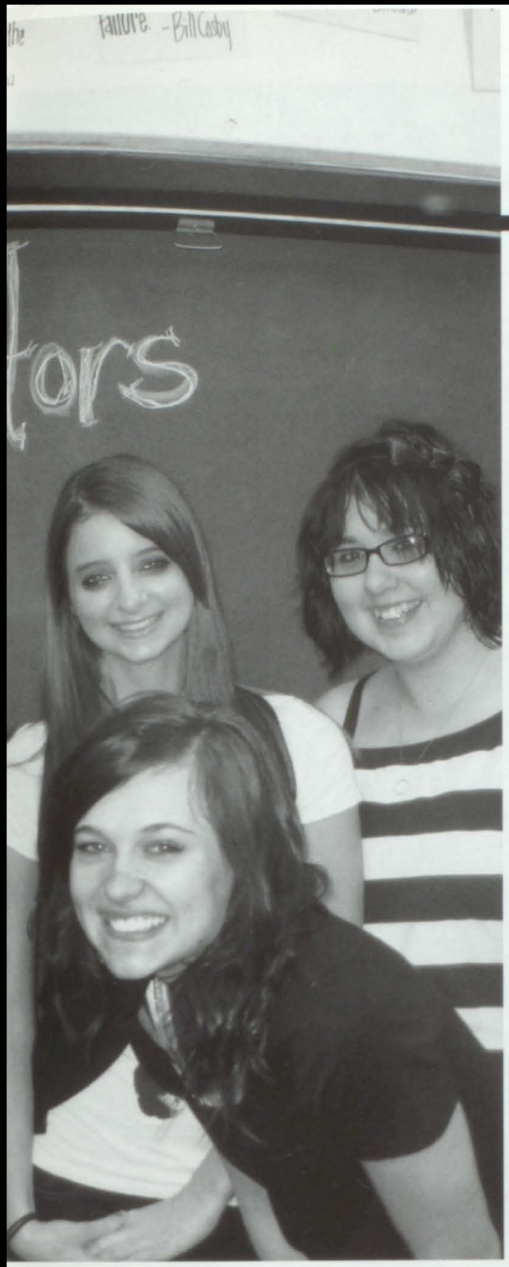
In 5th period, Miss Miers and Katlyn MacDonald review finished pages.



Sharde' Smith and Shellby Farmer read through old yearbooks for ideas.



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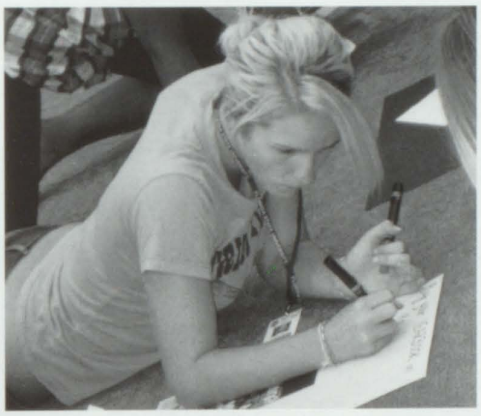


While in 5th period, Junior Editor, Teigan Andrews, takes time to work on her yearbook page.



Brittney Jackson

"The hardest part of Journalism is getting things turned in by the deadline."



Editor, Kasey Brent, spends a few days making posters to put around the school to promote sales.



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"The fun part of Journalism is getting to use your creativity."

{Pictures}

"The best quality pictures and the interesting ones that tell a story go onto the pages."
- Teigan Andrews

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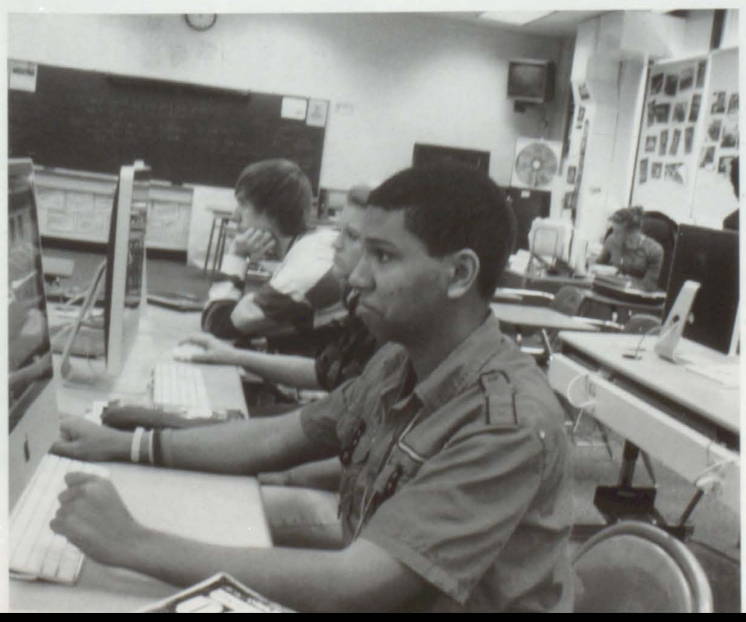
"We ask students of different classes random questions, and hopefully, get back some interesting answers."
- Brittney Jackson

{Proofing}

"We make sure and proof every page to be sure that there are no mistakes or errors. We don't want that to go down in history."
- Katlyn MacDonald

{Final Submission}

"When you are confident that the page is ready to go into the book, and after Kasey Brent has approved your font."
- Jennifer Hill



Journalism students spend time, in 5th period, to work on their pages.



During her first year in Journalism, Lindsey Schroeder looks through old yearbooks to get ideas.



Below: Members of the JROTC stand in order during one of their many public events they participate in during the year.
Right: Cory Foutch, Brian Bocskovits, Jordan Shreffler, and Kevin Depoorter present the Colors at the Homecoming Game.









Right: The JROTC Color Guard shows respect to the flag at a football game.
Middle: The JROTC pays close attention during a field trip.
Left: Members of the JROTC stand at attention for the National Anthem.



Integ[RI]ty- ROTC at the ROCK.

As the need for the Air Force gets larger, the ROTC Air Force is a stepping stone for students interested in entering the United States Military. ROTC is a collection of students dedicated to helping the community and hopefully going into the U.S. Military. By taking 4 years of ROTC, some students can actually raise pay grades and rank in the military. Rocky's ROTC is dedicated to the United States Air Force. ROTC cadets, which is the official title for the students, can go on a C-130 orientation flight and can experience a formal military ball. "The military ball [is my favorite part of ROTC]. It's a fun and positive way to enjoy a dance without any inappropriate behaviors," explains senior, Tierra Hopple. The cadets can also enjoy volunteer work like Toys for Tots. "We made a Toys for Tots contribution of $500," LTC Jirele explains. ROTC is also a great way to learn about life and make great friends along the way. "I hope my cadets will learn life skills that can help them in whatever they choose to do after high school. The cadets learn leadership and communication skills, they make new friends, and they gain confidence," LTC Jirele says of ROTC.









Top: The RIHS ROTC marches in unison at the Labor Day Parade.

Above: ROTC members strap in on their C-130 orientation flight.



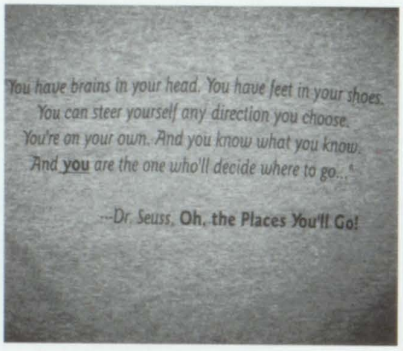
Top: Two ROTC cadets smile for a quick picture at the Military Ball.

Above: Members of the ROTC present the flag at a football game.

Offe[RI]ng a Helping Hand

As a branch of the local Kiwanis Club, Rocky's Key Club takes the initiative to volunteer their time and help others. The nine members of the non-profit club lend a helping hand to charities that include, Kiwanis International, the Festival of Trees, the Martin Luther King Center, and UNICEF. The biggest and most popular fund-raiser the club puts on is the Mr. Rocky Pageant. "The pageant has been growing, and I think that's due to the advertising that we've been doing," says Mrs. Hayek, the club's adviser. Next year, however, Mrs. Kantner will be taking on the advising position. "We're going to merge the Key Club with Student Council, in hopes of bigger participation," Mrs. Hayek adds. Whether or not the enrollment is small or large in number, Key Club teaches students how to interact outside of their group of friends and to help others. "Students take away from Key Club, the skills to care about the community, and step outside of their comfort zone to help others around them," says Hayek.

The back of this year's Key Club shirt reads, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes./ You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. / You're on your own / And you know what you know. / And you are the one who'll decide where to go..." a quote from Dr. Seuss' *Oh the Places You'll Go!*

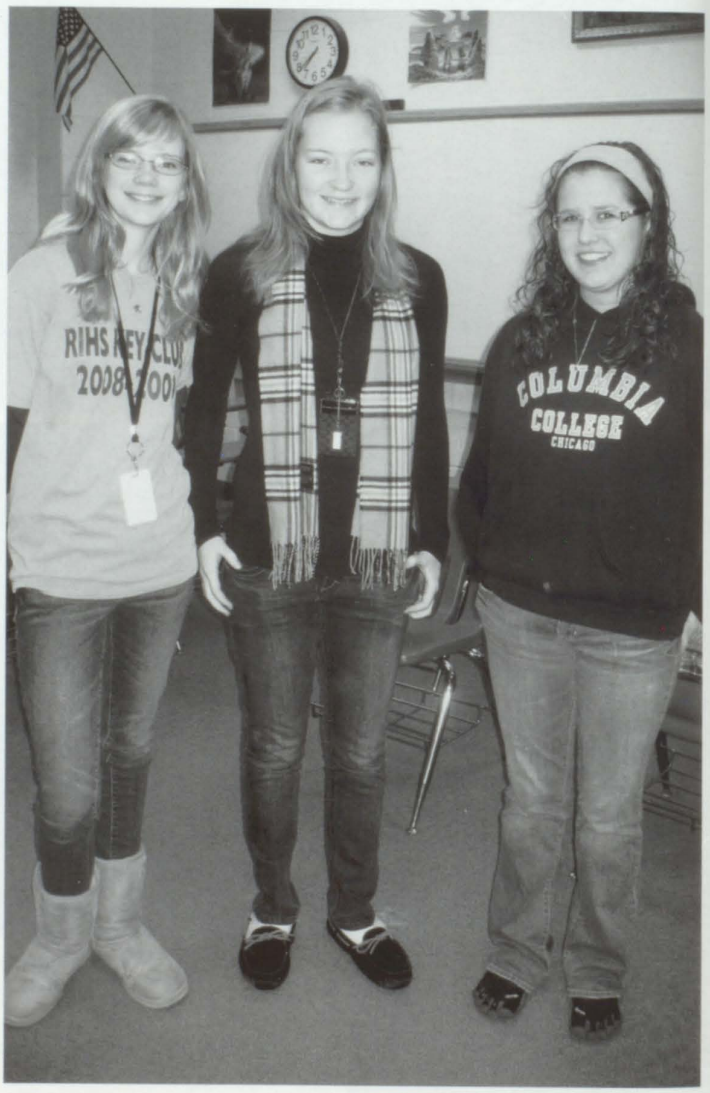




Micheala Garrison, the President of Rocky's Key Club, addresses her fellow members at a morning meeting.

Below: During an early morning meeting, Kayla Jackson and Laurel Enstrom sit patiently for the president of the club to address them.
Bottom: Early risers, Kayla Jackson, Laurel Enstrom, and Michaela Garrison, show their dedication to the Key Club.





[R]sing to *Greatness*



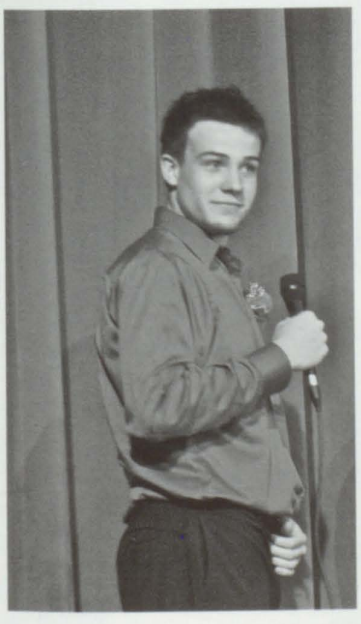
Every student strives for greatness. However, only a small percent of students each year are recognized for their academic success through NHS. When students reach their sophomore year, his/her grades will be evaluated to determine whether or not they are capable of becoming an NHS member. If so, students will receive a letter requesting his/her acceptance into the program. After their admittance into the society, there are two important requirements he/she must complete. NHS members must maintain a 3.5 G.P.A or higher and complete 10 hours of community service their junior and senior years.

If those expectations are completed, the student will attend a ceremony that symbolizes their completion of the program and their academic honors. The ceremony recognizes Rock Island High School students for their academic success and shows how they care deeply about their community and education. NHS member, Kasey Brent, says, "It's an honor to be in NHS because it shows the dedication and hard work that you've put into your school work and community."

National Honor Society students are constantly rising to greatness and are trying to succeed in every task given to them. "It is nice to highlight the students' achievements," says Mrs. Hayek, NHS Advisor. The students aren't the only ones who benefit from being in National Honor Society, as the coordinators are also excited to be a part of the group. "It is worth the time and effort, and I am willing to help," explains Mrs. Hayek.









Above: Continuing with NHS tradition, Grant Snyder amuses the audience with the humorous senior speech.

Top: 2009-2010 President of NHS, Francesca Byczynski, makes her opening address at the NHS Induction Ceremony.

Middle: Kailee Steger hands out a National Honor Society Award.

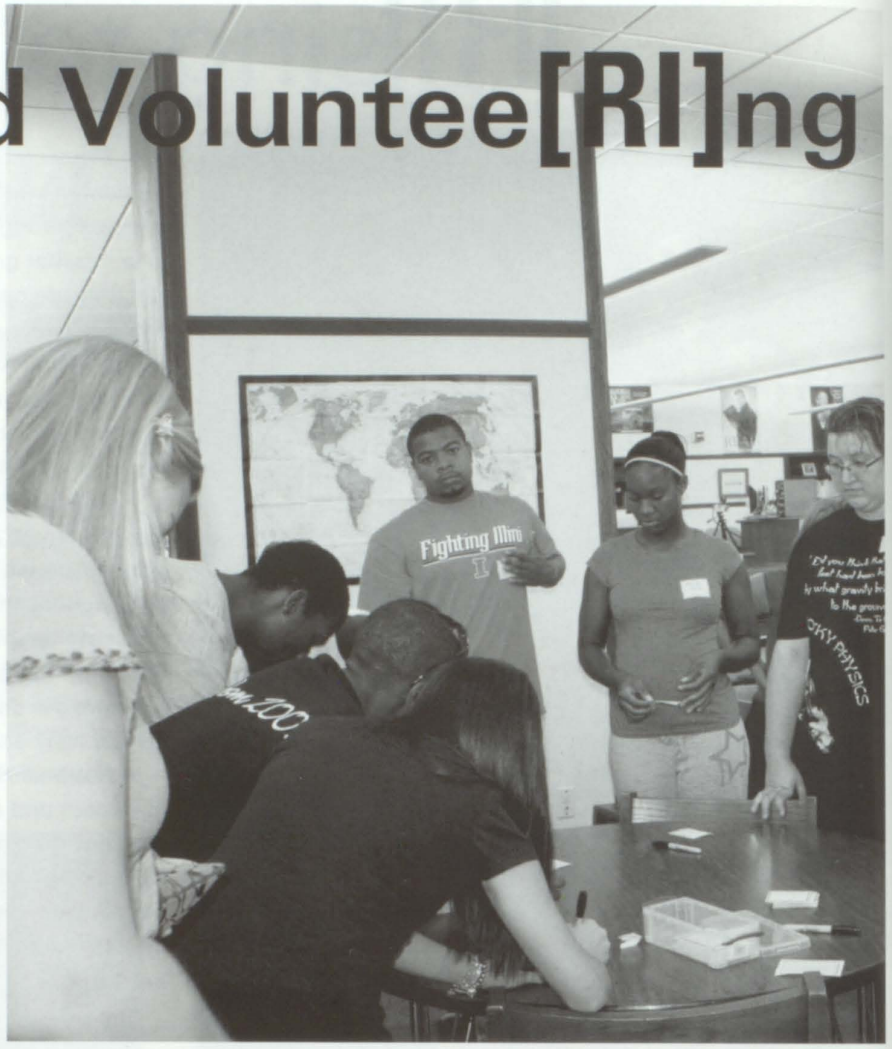
Bottom Left: Grant Snyder entertains the crowd with his speech during the Induction Ceremony.

Bottom Right: Kailee Steger reflects on her graduating classes' time at Rocky during her speech.

Leading and Voluntee[RI]ng

The Natural Helpers are a group of peer-nominated students who get together to do various activities to help the school. They help out with the Freshmen Orientation at the beginning of the year. One of the highlights of Natural Helpers is "when we are able to get together as a whole group and work together to team build, and brainstorm about some of the issues that RIHS students are faced with," says Mrs. Dyer, a Natural Helper advisor.

Natural Helpers was created to have students help their peers with their problems. Mrs. Dyer, a 10 year Natural Helper advisor, says one of the main reasons she chose to work with the Natural Helpers was "because I like working with students, and it is a group that I really believe in."



Right: Members of the Natural Helpers work on their project in the library.



While goofing around in the hallway, a group of Natural Helpers stop to take a picture before they get to work.



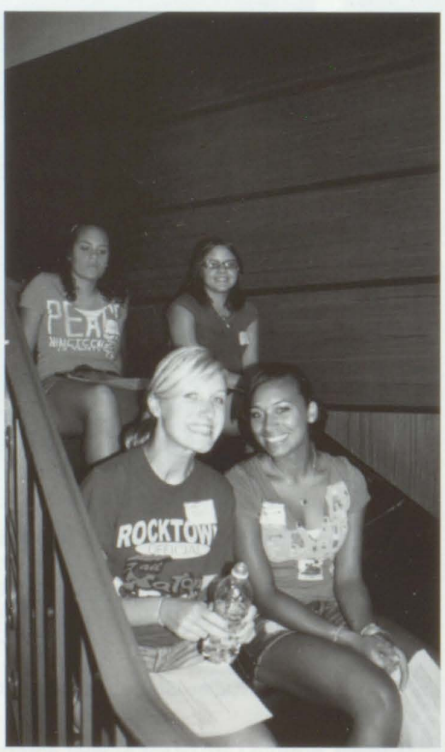
While waiting in the hallway for a meeting to start, Shaniece Walker and Kaitlin Chard pose for a picture.



Natural Helpers get ready for a meeting. Organization is very important to the group.



Devin Jones and Travonte Williams volunteer their time and energy in a Natural Helper project.



Above: Sarah McKay, Mariah Benson, and the Natural Helper underclassmen take a minute to relax on the auditorium stairs.



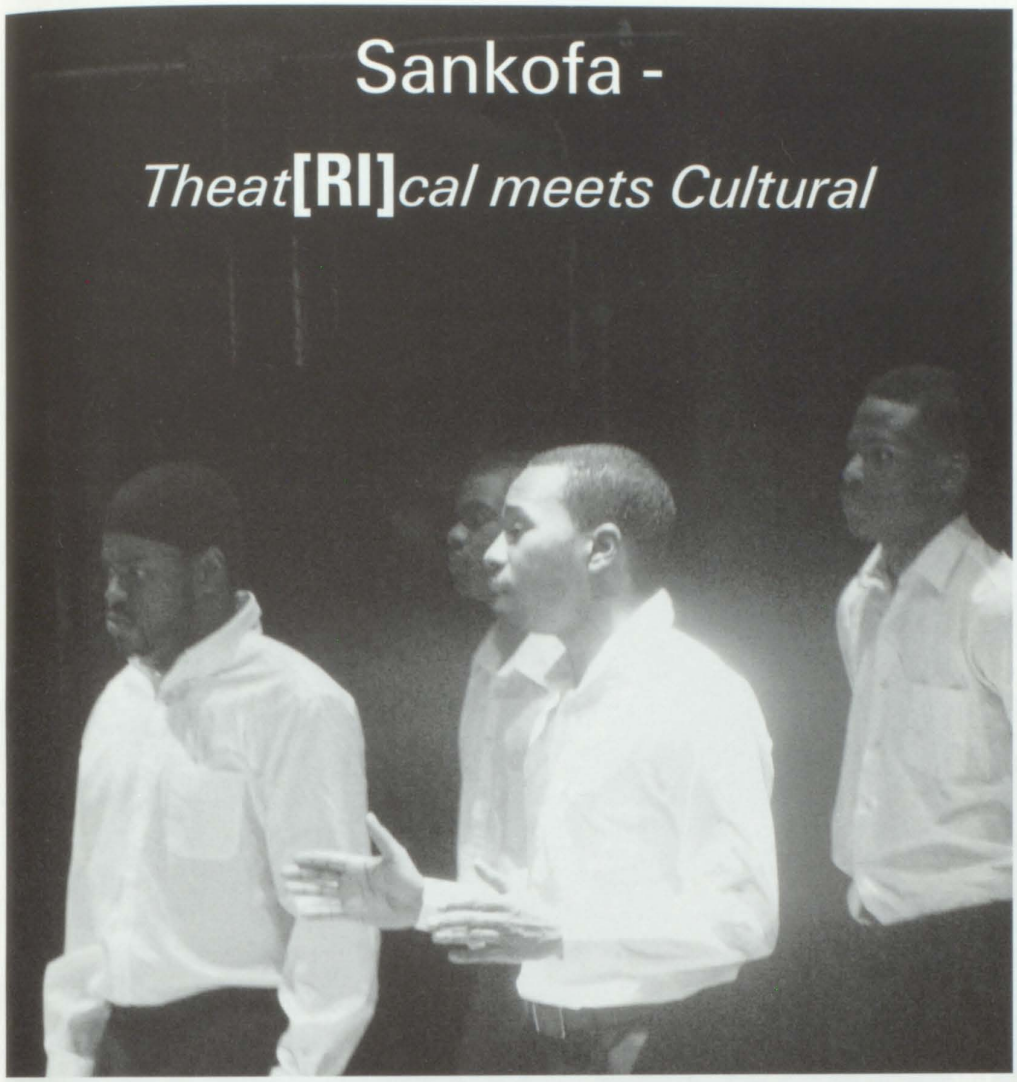
Top: The Club leaders include Mrs. Dyer, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Leatherman, Mr. Bustard, Mr. Kennelly, and Melisa Breheny.



Above: The Natural Helpers work on team building exercises to develop their leadership skills.

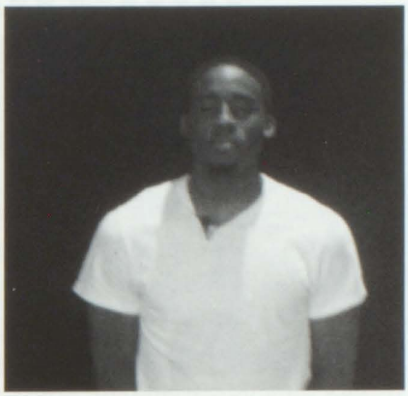
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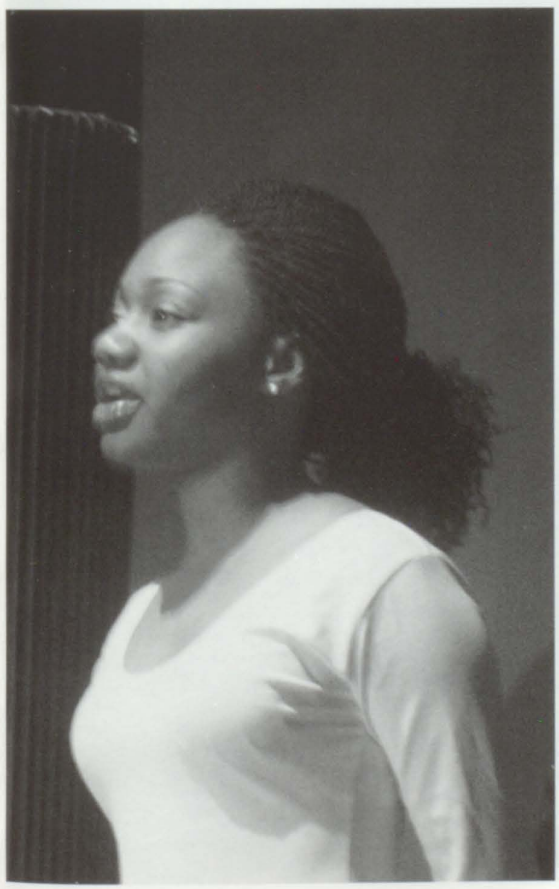


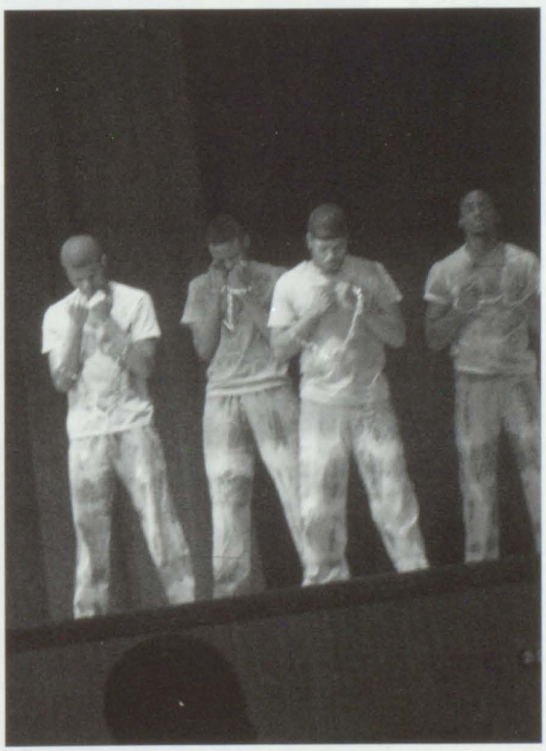
Left: The light shines on Marshall Glover as he speaks proudly during his performance.

Below: Victor Jones stands tall, preparing to speak and grabs the audience's attention.









Above: The male cast of Sankofa stands together as they perform a dramatic scene.
Left: Senior Markiah Dothard steps forward during the performance to speak her part.

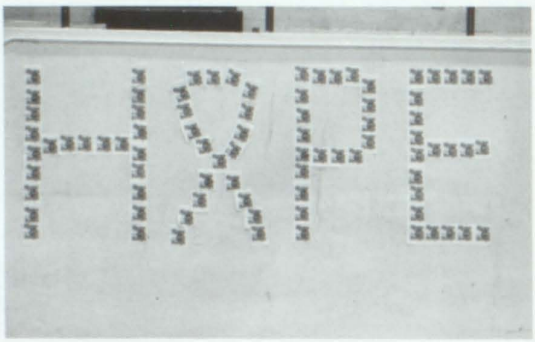
"The word 'Sankofa' is said to embody the African tradition of returning to one's roots, to gather the wisdom of one's ancestors, in order to move forward," Sankofa advisor, Mrs. Taylor, explains.

Rock Island High School's minority theater group is just that.

With their hard work and determination, they work to put on an amazing cultural performance. With the help of their director, Ms. Gaye, and volunteer, Mrs. Taylor, they worked for months, practicing and fine tuning their show. The dedicated students practiced five days a week, making sure they gave the best performance possible.

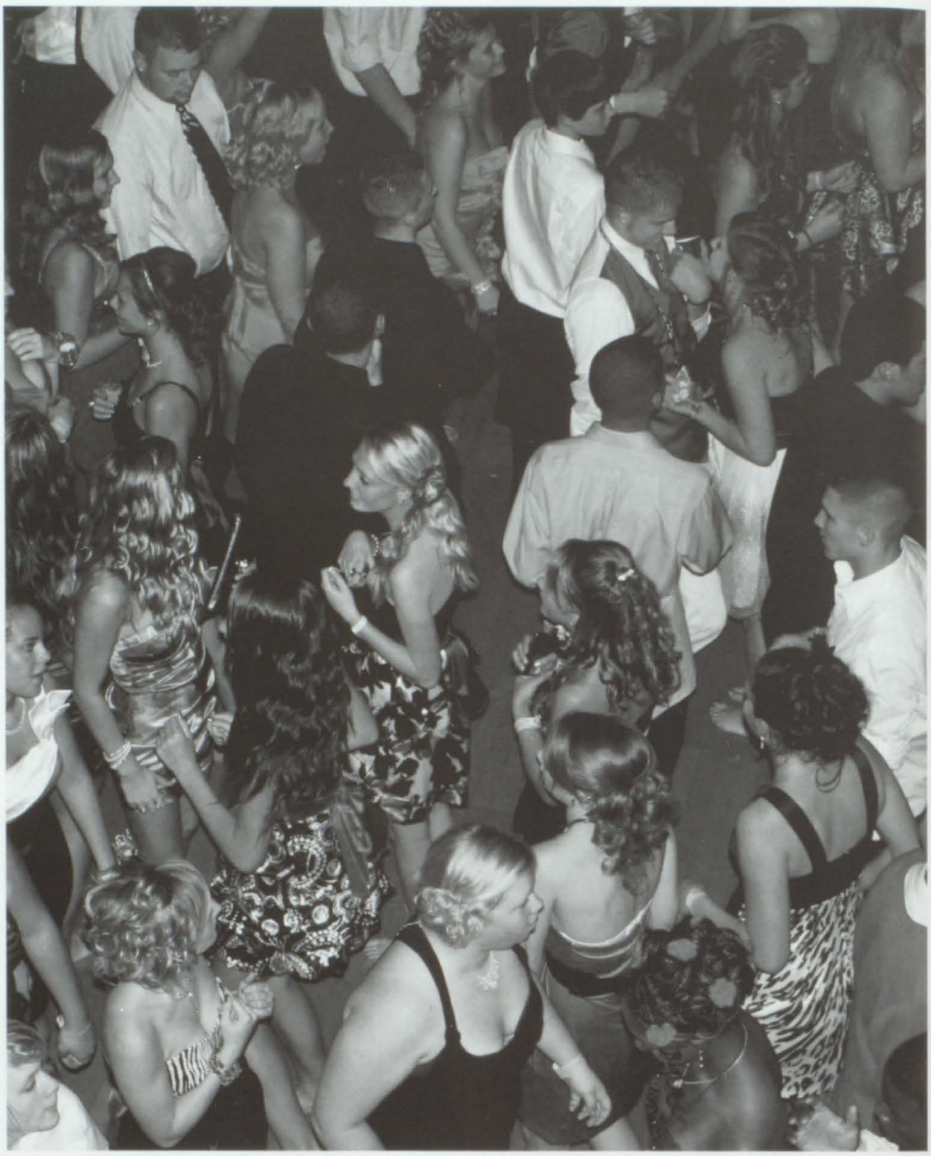
Their goal is always "to have a great performance and to have a good time doing it," explains Mrs. Taylor. After their emotional show, they have obviously achieved their goal again this year.

Right: The Letterman Club's work to plan Swirl was a definite success, judging by the enthusiasm shown on the dance floor by students.





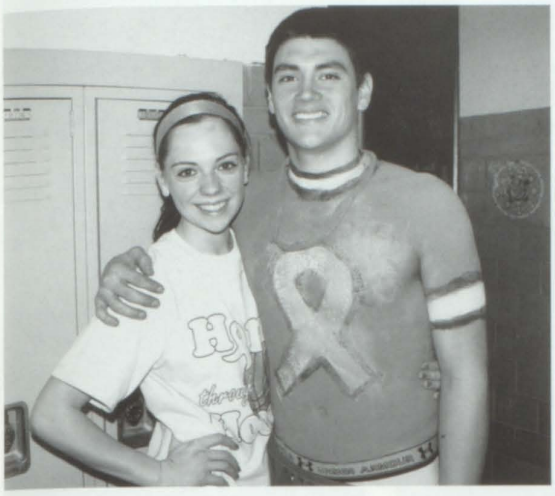
Top: Donations made in honor of breast cancer patients spelled out "Hope", and were displayed in the gym. Letterman's Club helped organize the tribute.
Middle: Letterman's Club members, Katie Thompson and Whitney Hoover get ready to compete.
Right: The Rock Island boys are pretty in pink, and cheer on their Rock Island Girls' Basketball Team during a game against Alleman. During this game, the players and fans wore pink to honor those affected by breast cancer.





Spi[RI]ted Leadership

Below: Nathan Gray cheers on Whitney Hoover in a Hope through Hoops Cancer Night basketball game.



When you attend a Rocky game, whether it's football or basketball, or any other sport, you always see a huge student section filled with red and gold.

Every game there's excited fans, painted-up students, and eager classmates ready to see some game time action. Most of these students not only consist of Letterman's Club members, but are also organized by the Letterman's Club.

Not only does the Letterman's Club participate in athletic activities, but they also help decorate school dances, come up with designs for t-shirts, and think of themes for the games, as well.

The Letterman's Club President, Whitney Hoover, loves to be involved in all of these activities. She mentions, "It's fun because varsity letter players from all different sports come together."

As the Letterman's Club President, Whitney comes up with lots of ideas to get the crowd pumped. This year, the club has embraced their role as school spirit leaders. Hoover explains, "It's fun to see how big crowds get. We love to cheer for our classmates."

The Letterman's Club plays a very important role in upholding our school spirit tradition. School spirit is a big part of students' lives at Rocky, and the Letterman's Club is continuing the tradition well.



Left: 'A Black Light Affair' was the theme of the 2010 Homecoming Dance. Letterman's Club took the time to decorate the gym for the dance.

Below: Members of the Vic's Clique stand together to sing the National Anthem before a football game. After this, they get the crowd pumped up to cheer on the football team.











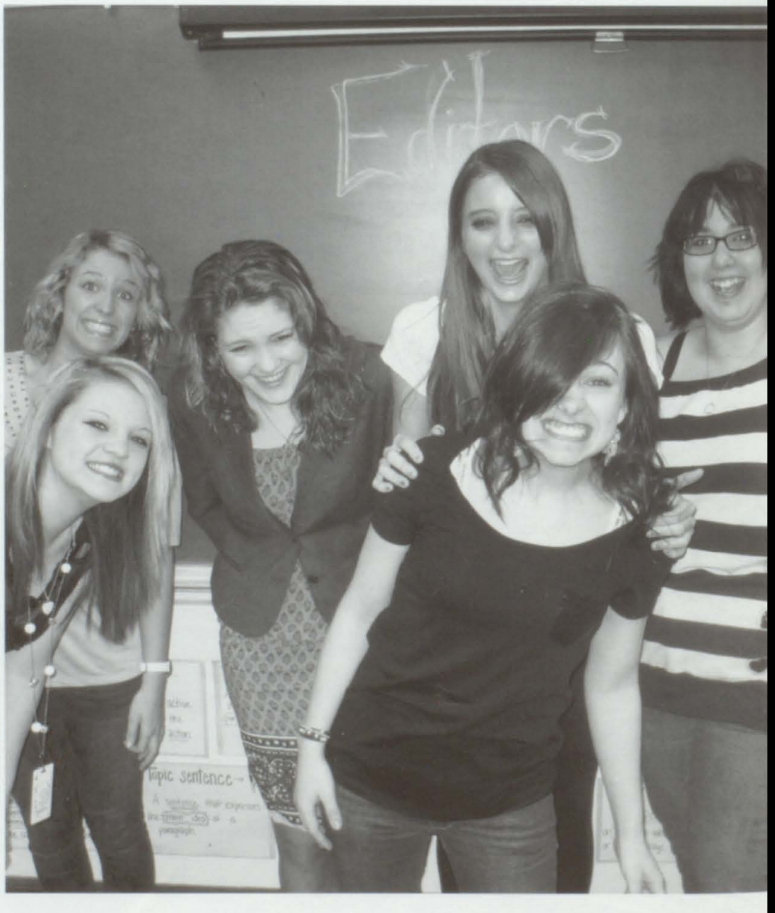











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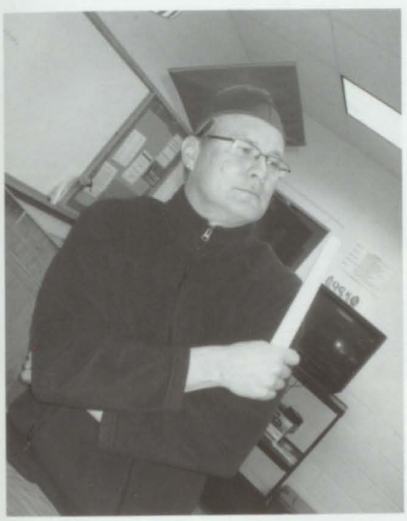


Advice to the Senior Class

from Rocky's teachers.

"Always believe that you can do whatever your dream is. Don't limit your potential with self-doubt."
- Mrs. Elliott





"Always be what you seem. Strive to be someone that you yourself would be proud to call a friend, Remember that all glory and honor belongs to Him, and for crying out loud, call your mother sometime! She wants to hear from you!"
- Mr. Smith

"You can judge a person's strength by how much it takes to discourage them."
- Mrs. Magerkurth

"work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching."
- mrs. greenwood

"To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late, and to be late is to be fired."
- Mr. Carlin





Burning up The St[RI]ngs

Classmates: "We've played together for so long, we're like a family." – Abi Daniels

Concerts: "It's hard to find an outfit that actually matches." – Teigan Andrews

Conductor: "He's very interesting, but in a good way." – Lauren Plumb

Music: "The music is hard, but it's fun when you learn it." – Brenda Hernandez

Instruments: "My violin is my baby." – Dannyelle Dunbar

Practice: "Practice makes perfect." – Caitlyn Jacobs













Top Right: Talented bass player, Faith Northcutt, seems to tower over her bass during class.
Middle Left: In ready position, Kaitlyn Boyd and Asia Garcia get prepared together to play.
Middle Right: Focusing strictly on her music, Jennifer Travino plays her viola with pride.
Middle: The 2010-11 Orchestra
Bottom Left: The stage for the special 2010 Electrify Your Strings Spring Concert.
Bottom Right: Kaitlyn Boyd performs at the 2010 Spring Concert.

Practice makes perfect!



Focusing with intensity, Teigan Andrews plays her violin loudly.



Before class, Isaac Bunch works on tuning his viola.



While strumming along to the music, Zavier Clark takes time to smile for a picture.

Why did you choose Orchestra?



"I chose orchestra because I've grown really close to everyone in here. We're like one big family. We've been here for so long, we have to stick together."
Samantha Taylor



"The reason I chose orchestra was because it's very fun, but challenging at the same time to learn new music for our concerts."
Jaqueline Rangel



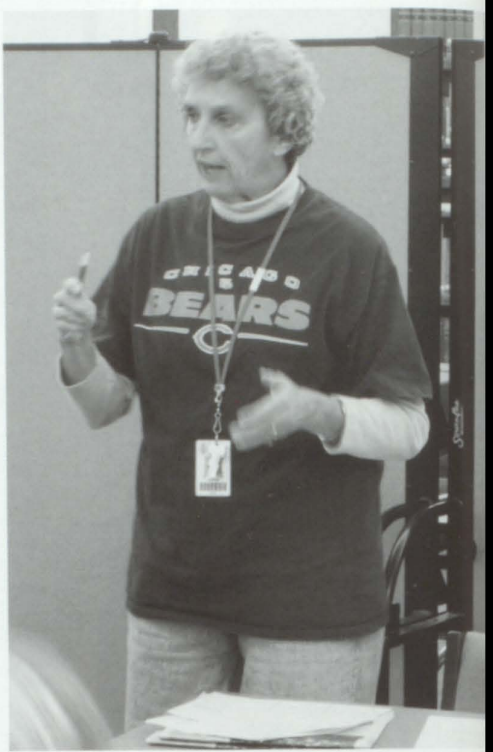
"I think I chose orchestra because I'm so used to hearing Mr. Manweiler yell out note names, I would feel weird not hearing that everyday."
Caitlyn Jacobs



"I chose orchestra because not only do I love to play my instrument, but it's an opportunity for scholarships and a different way to get ahead in life...with music."
Abi Daniels

Th[RI]ving Volunteers

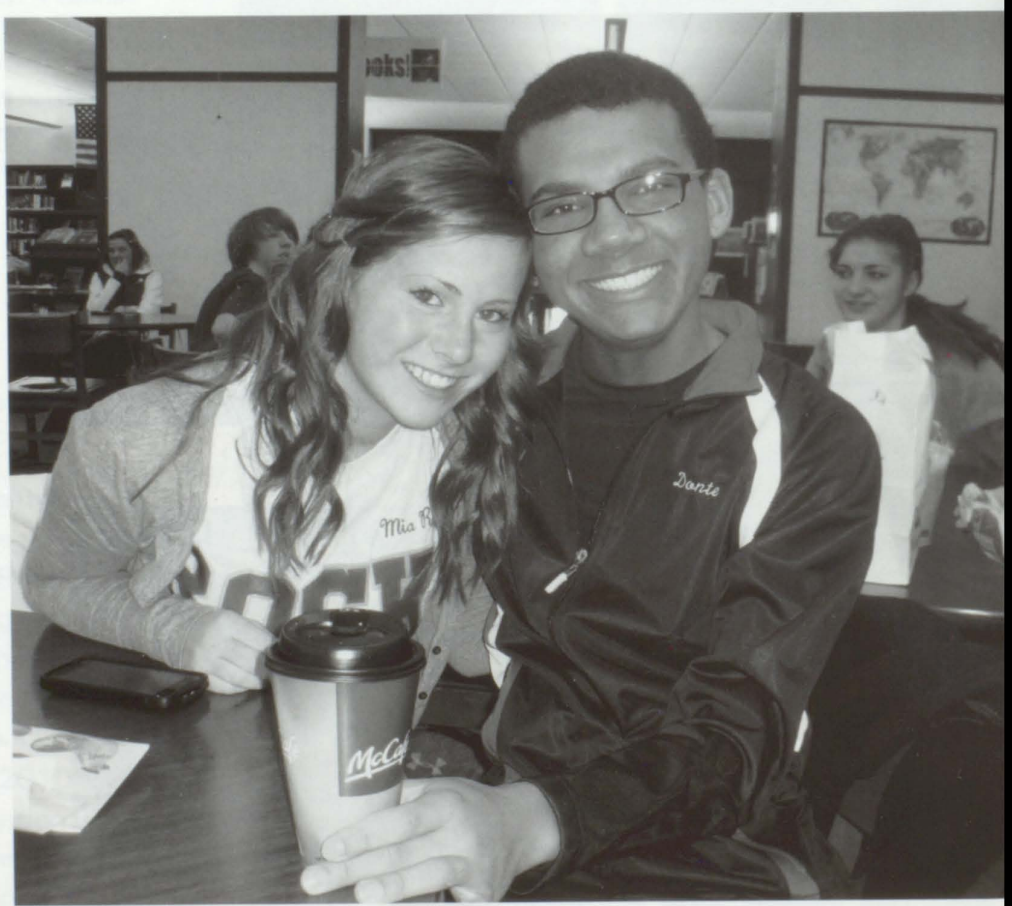
As her last year comes to an end, Sheila Guse, the advisor for Rock Island's Student Council, continues to aim for her goal. "I want to develop the best leaders Rocky can have," says Guse. Most would agree that she has done an excellent job. The Student Council supports two blood drives, the Hunger Drive, United Way Day of Caring, and also helps decorate for Swirl every year under the careful watch of Mrs. Guse. Besides Guse's dedication to the group, she is also quick to give credit for the group's success to the co-presidents, Courtney Camlin and Kasey Brent, and the co-vice presidents, Alissa Sharp and Mackenzie Heriford, for all of their hard work. "They were awesome and are always very helpful," Guse boasts. Mrs. Guse says she will miss the students a lot, but feels the group has accomplished many wonderful things this year, including participating in the CASI Family Day, and continuing their partnership with the AVENGE group. As a brand new executive board and advisor, which will be Mrs. Kantner, take the reigns next year, the group plans to keep the great tradition of the Rock Island Student Council's reputation for volunteering standing.



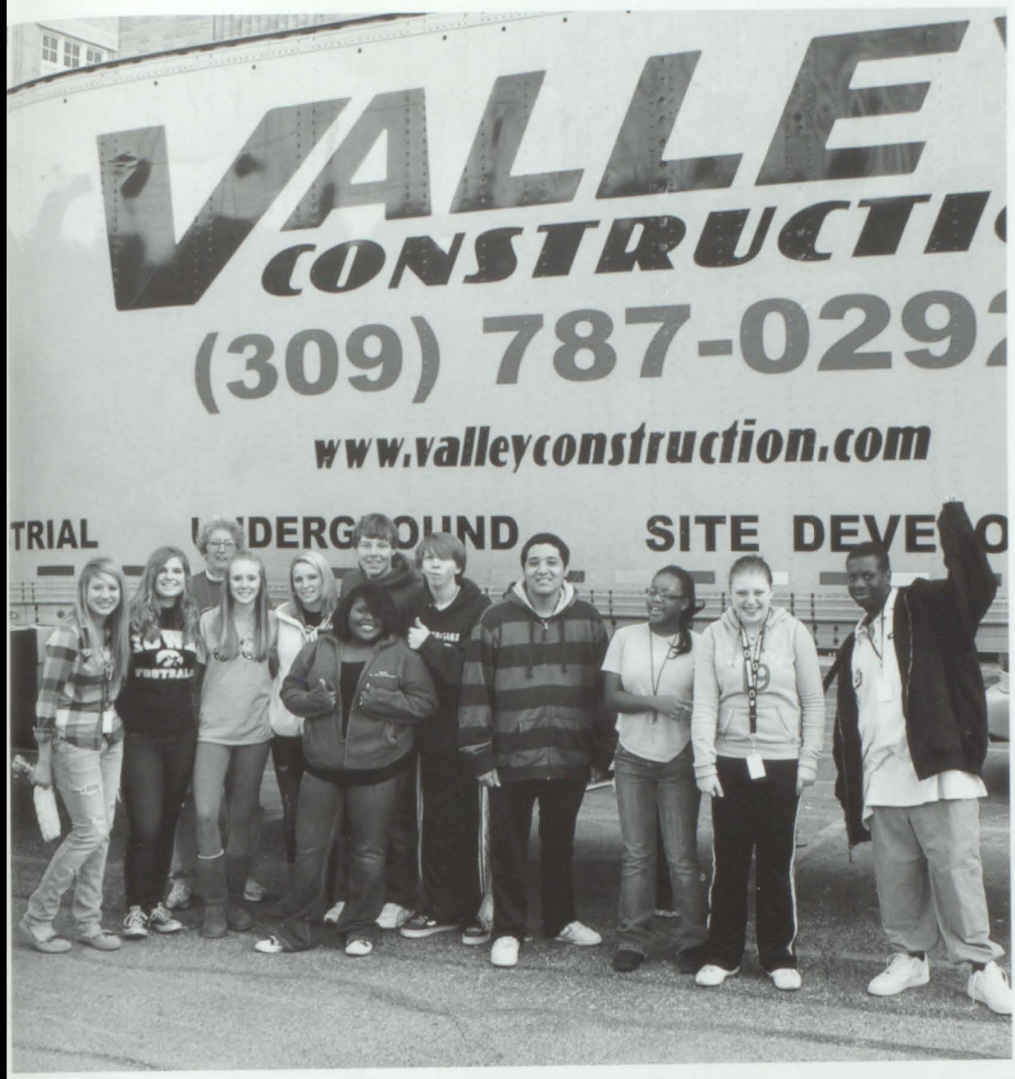
Right: Student Senate advisor, Shelia Guse addresses the club.



Above: Waiting for their transition to the delivery truck, boxes are marked with "RIHS" to ensure we get the credit during the Food Drive.



Right: Junior members, Donte Nesbit and Mia Kavensky, stop for their caffeine before the early Friday morning meetings.



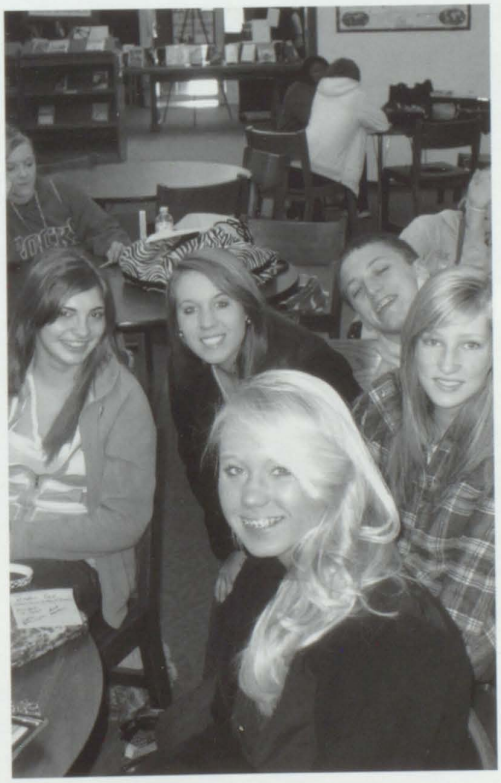
Left: Taking a break from the heavy lifting, a group of Student Senate members pose in front of the delivery truck.



Above: Working hard for the cause, Thomas Knuckey and Helena Smiley repack boxes of food to be sent to the pallet.

Left: Dedicated members, Katie Helmers, Emily Sharp, Lucas Rusk, Jillian Jespersen, and Lindsey Schroeder wait for a sign-up sheet to come around.





Left: Ally Sweeney and Abby Wilson await the start of a weekly meeting.



Right: Celebrating the Day of the Dead, Sydney Griffin, Brandi Welsh, Sean Sullivan, and Bri Watson show off their home-made traditional masks.



Above: Sombreros in hand, Keontaye Beason and Isaiah Williams get set to march in the Homecoming Parade.

Right: Decked out in their Spanish Club gear, Lauren Plumb and Brittany White take a break from decorating the float to strike a pose.





Right: Volunteering at K-Mart, Kirsten Dillender and Alysha McElroy- Hodges paint children's faces for the Halloween season.

Ca[RI]ng about Culture:

Bringing Spanish Culture to Rock Island Schools



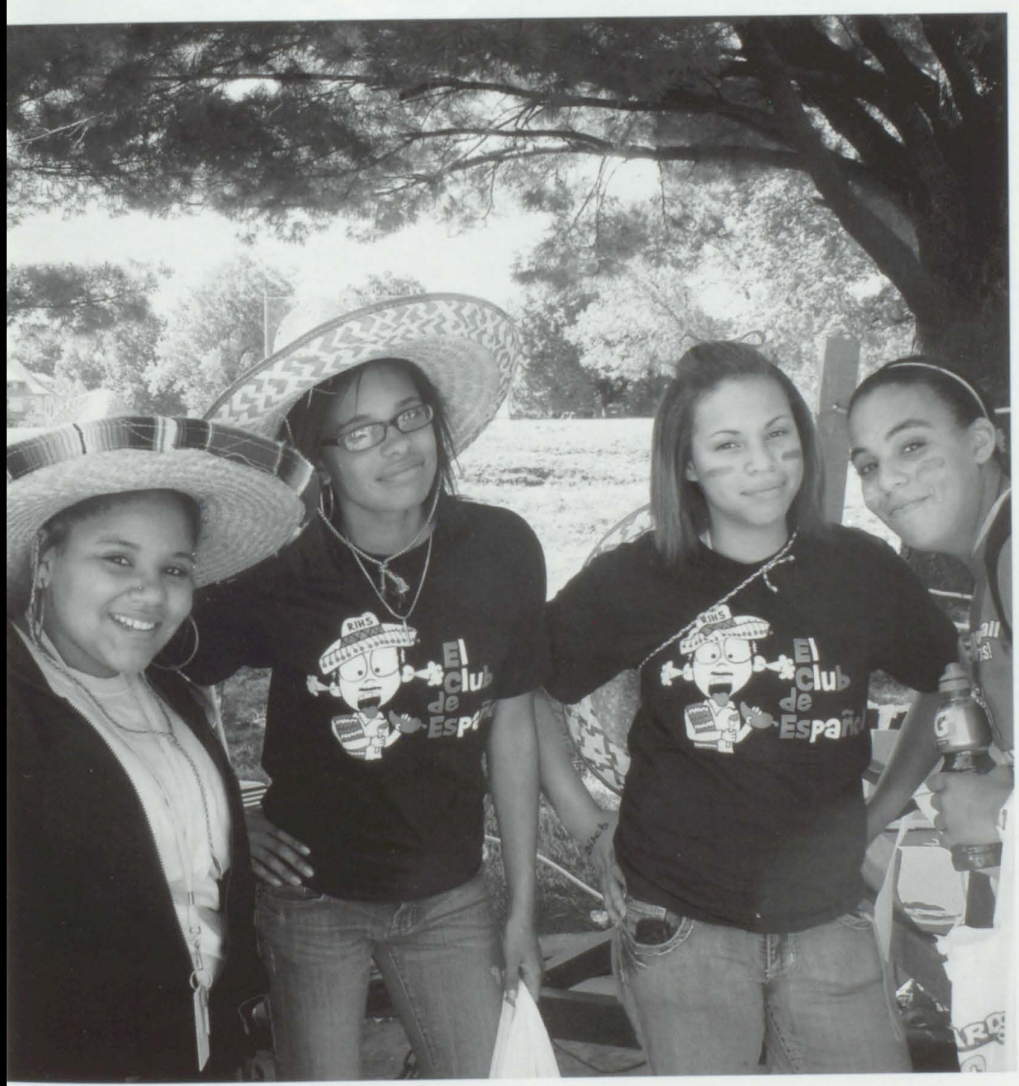
La bienvenida a el club de Espanol! "Spanish Club is about working together, making friends, giving back to the community, and, of course, the high school," explains Spanish Club member, Kirsten Dillinder. During the year, Spanish Club participates in many projects to help the community, including Toys for Tots and Operation Christmas Child. The Club focuses on helping others, and also learning about the Spanish culture.

During their meetings, they discuss what their next project, whether it is one benefiting the high school or the larger community around the school, will be. "Spanish Club also holds exclusive Rocky events, such as the Spanish Dance, the Olympics with the French and German Clubs, and the always fun, Kick Off Party!" exclaims Senora Shirk.

"A big part of Spanish Club is learning about the Spanish culture and celebrating it," Alysha McElroy-Hodges explains. "Ask anyone in Spanish Club, it's just an all around, good time."



Left: Standing strong next to the Spanish Club Rock Man, Brooke Williams and Sean Sullivan show off their Rock Island pride.





Top: The Spanish Club shows off their spirit for Halloween.
Above: Mrs. Shirk serves students during the Olympics with the French and German Clubs.
Left: With candy in hand, Kiaree Loggins, Hayley Dorman, Desirae Reading, and Cairece Allen await the start of the parade.



Showing off the Spanish Club float, Stephanie Avena, Jesseca Andereck, Senora Kline, and Senora Shirk wait for the parade to begin.

While raising money for the Spanish Club, Alicia Freiburg and Alexia Avena try their hand at face painting.



Before the start of the parade, a group of Rocky Spanish Club members take time to strike a pose.

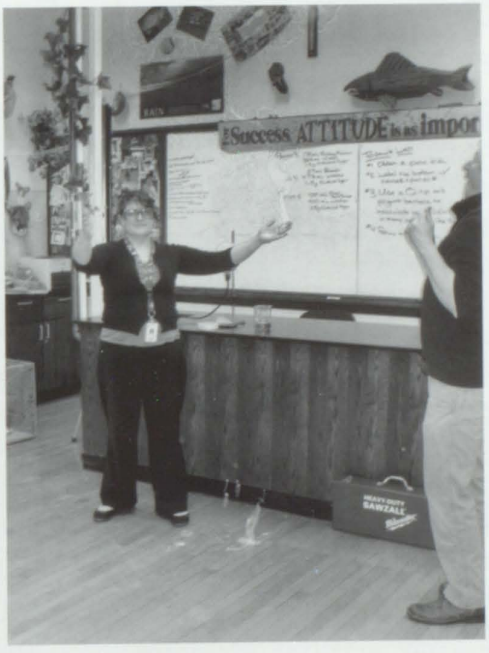


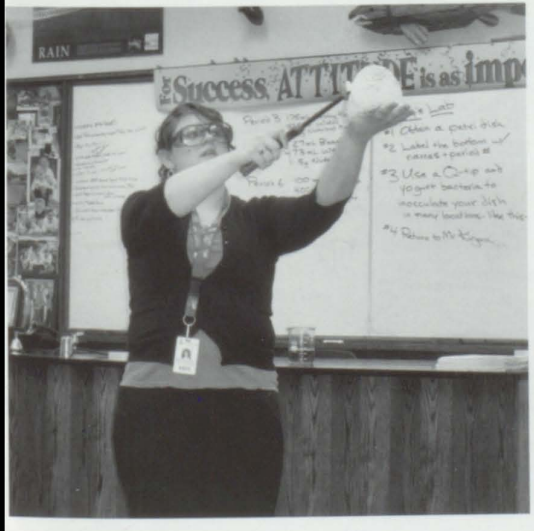
Expe[RI]menting with Science at the Rock



Rocky's Science Club has been a long tradition at RIHS. The Science Club has been at the Rock for about 40 years, with Mrs. Anderson leading it for 16 years, and Mr. Kirgan leading it for 11 years. The club gets students who are interested in science together to do a variety of activities. "We go on trips to the IMax, the Figge, the Niabi Zoo, and they meet forensic detectives. We keep the kids active," says Mr. Kirgan. The students in Science Club enjoy all kinds of interesting activities, like the Brookfield Zoo, and in the spring, a NASA speaker comes and visits the students. Over the years, Science Club has provided Mr. Kirgan with some fantastic memories. "My favorite is the Brookfield Zoo, Shed Aquarium, and the moonlight walk at Blackhawk State Park," explains Mr. Kirgan. All in all, Science Club is a spectacular way for students to interact with the world and see science first hand, while meeting new people and hanging out with their friends.









Top: The Science Club enjoys a trip to the zoo during Halloween.
Middle Left: During a Science Club meeting, Mr. Stone discusses the heart with Timothy Goman.
Middle Right: Miss Moody shows how chemical reactions work by using fire, and surprises Mr. Stone in the process.
Bottom Left: While explaining chemical reactions, chemistry teacher, Miss Moody, ignites students' interest in science, as well as the substances in her hand.
Bottom Right: Senior Christopher Giles listens intently during a Science Club meeting.







The Th[RI]ll of Rock Island Athletics

Rock Island athletics has a very rich history of winning. Numbers don't lie. Rock Island athletic teams have had great success since the start of the program. The Girl's Track Team won the State Meet for the 2008-2009 season, and the football and basketball programs always have a reputation of excellence. Whether it's the players, coaches, or fans, all of Rock Island's athletics include many th[ri]lls. Girls' track athlete, Ebonie Johnson, states, "It feels great to be a part of this great tradition in track, and to be able to continue this legacy."

Rock Island athletes have been winners for years and in multiple sports. The Rocky Pride athletes learn at a young age is a huge part of the high school's success. Rock Island athletics has a variety of traditions, many of which begin with sports. The community always comes to support the Rocky teams. Even on cold nights, students paint up for football games, make shirts for the volleyball games, and even create crowds for the tennis matches. Over the years, Rock Island's athletic programs have been through many t[ri]als and t[ri]bulations, but the school always seems to find its way back to the top. The sports programs do more than win and lose, in a sense, they bring together the community.

As a Rock Island athlete, there are many th[RI]lls, but the biggest one, is simply being a Rock.

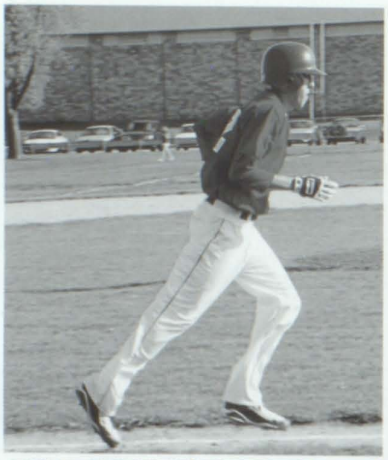
Part of the th[RI]ll of playing Rock Island sports is knowing you're involved in an athletic program that guarantees the effort and heart from all their players every season. This is a fact history has shown us. Charles Holiday, a junior swimmer states, "The most th[ri]lling part of swimming is when you stand on the block after winning a race." This drive for winning and competition is common in Rock Island athletes. "I love winning, and the th[ri]ll that comes along with it!" exclaims senior volleyball player, Kasey Brent. Brent was a member of Rock Island's first volleyball team to win a Regional title.

The letters "RI" are not in the word th[ri]ll by coincidence. With Rocky's legacy of winning and great athletic moments, this spelling seems more like an expectation for all Rock Island athletes.

So, later in life, when someone asks, "Why did you play Rock Island sports?" Your answer should be, "For the th[ri]ll of being in such a great tradition!"



Below Left: Senior Brinn Bell runs to the following base.
Below Right: Senior Cory Cook winds up on the mound to pitch the ball.
Right: Junior pitcher, Nick Lincoln, releases the ball off of the mound at the UT game.









Above: Senior Michael Fisher grabs the ball for a close tag against UTHS.



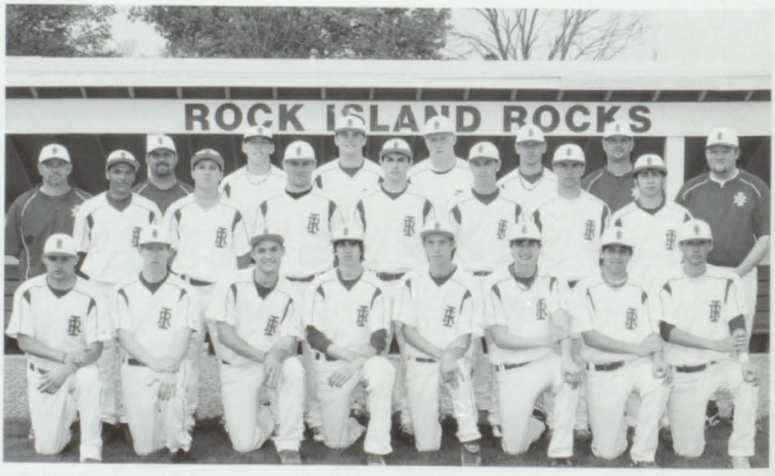
Right: Senior Josh Keim leaps for a line drive at the UTHS game.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2010

Conference CHAMPIONS

REGIONAL Champions



2010 Varsity Team

Front (L to R) Brandon Loomis, John McClendon, Mikey Wieland, Cameron Ruiz, Nick Lincoln, Christian Cottingham, Devin Goebel, Matt Beam.
Middle (L to R) Tevin Southwood, Kyle Carstens, Matt Johnson, Nathan Gray, Josh Keim, Chris Suhr, Andrew Carr.
Back (L to R) Coach Campbell, Coach Allison, Brinn Bell, Michael Fisher, Cameron Mandel, Cory Cook, Coach Veto, Coach Vandygriff.



Above: Senior Mikey Weiland retrieves the ball for pitcher Michael Fisher.

ST[RI]VING FOR STATE!

Rock Island Baseball 2010

The 2010 baseball season was a roller-coaster of emotions with big wins and tough losses. With a great group of seniors leading the state-bound team through the season, Coach Andy Campbell said, "I'm proud of how the seniors took the underclassmen under their wing." With the incredible sweep against Galesburg for the Conference Championship, the boys jumped into play-offs with full force. After taking the Regional Championship and competing in Sectionals, the season came to an upsetting end, just short of State. But, not only did the Varsity team set the record for most wins in a season in school history, but the senior class graduated with 4 consecutive Conference Championships and 7 players continuing on to play college baseball. With a season record of 31-5 and a few games short of state, Senior Cameron Ruiz says, "The 2011 team is shooting for a Conference, a Regional, a Sectional, and a State Championship!" Go Rocks!

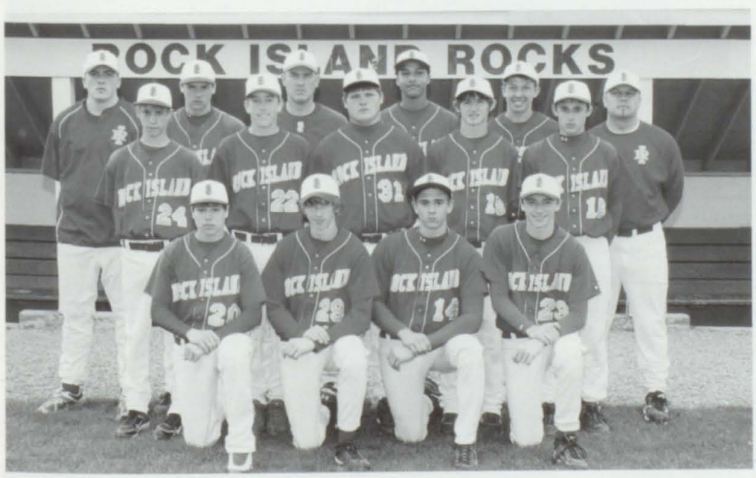
"The *key element* for the season is to learn how to *respect* the game of baseball and how to **play it** correctly."

-Coach Andy Campbell





Above Left: Junior Andrew Carr bunts the baseball in an attempt to make it to first base.
Above Right: Senior Cory Cook pitches the ball at the UTHS game.



JV TEAM 2010



FRESHMAN TEAM 2010



After an intense first half against Alleman, Goalkeeper Maggie Williams and Midfielder Mackenzie Heriford catch their breath during halftime, and listen to what Coach Conan Dalton had to say.

At the United Township Tournament, the girls' soccer team put up a good fight against Alleman. When regulation and overtime were done, the score was still tied, leading into PK's with both teams. The five girls who did not take the PK's anxiously awaited the results.





After the first half against Moline, the 11 girls who were playing are directed by Coach Conan Dalton to go into the locker room for the halftime talk.

The Varsity girls, Arianna Jakobsen and Maggie Williams, goof off while watching the Junior Varsity girls play against Geneseo.

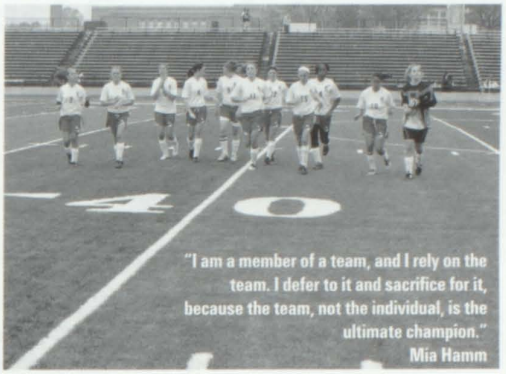


Eighty Minutes of Perseve[RI]ng

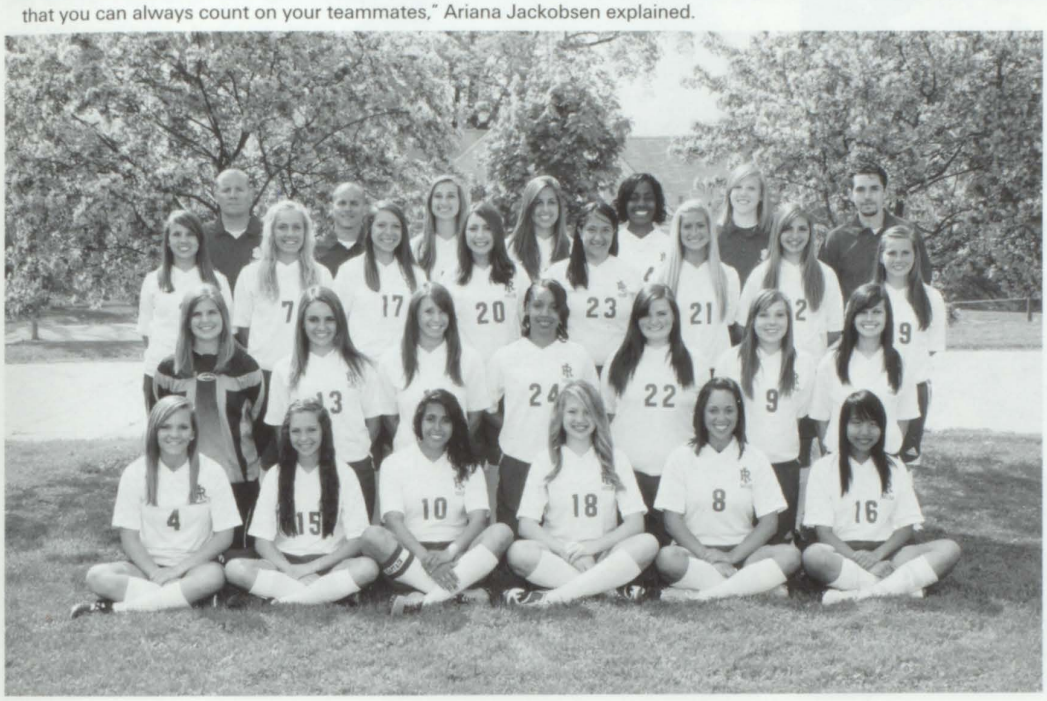
For most people, when they join a sport, they have certain expectations. Now whether those expectations are to win State or just to have something to do after school, every person's motives are little different. For the Lady Rocks Soccer Team, the season wasn't all about winning. For Mackenzie Heriford, the soccer team was about "getting closer with old friends and making new ones." As a whole, the girls wanted being a Lady Rock to be about fun, family, and improvement.

The season also proved to be one of overcoming obstacles. The Lady Rocks faced many injuries in the 2010 season. Sara Allen said, "You would go to practice every day and it would seem like someone new was hurt." Despite the injuries, the Lady Rocks had many successes to build on for the next season. Freshman goalie, Maggie Williams had a standout season, and was recognized by many coaches of opposing teams for her skill in the goal. The Rocks will also return numerous seniors, including leading scorer, Ariana Jakobsen.

Through the many hardships of the season, the players remembered what really matters about being on a team- having someone to depend on, regardless of the score or situation. "Despite the score of the game, you know that you can always count on your teammates," Ariana Jackobsen explained.

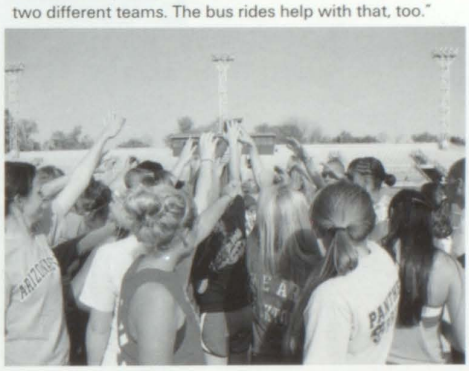


"I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team. I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion."
Mia Hamm



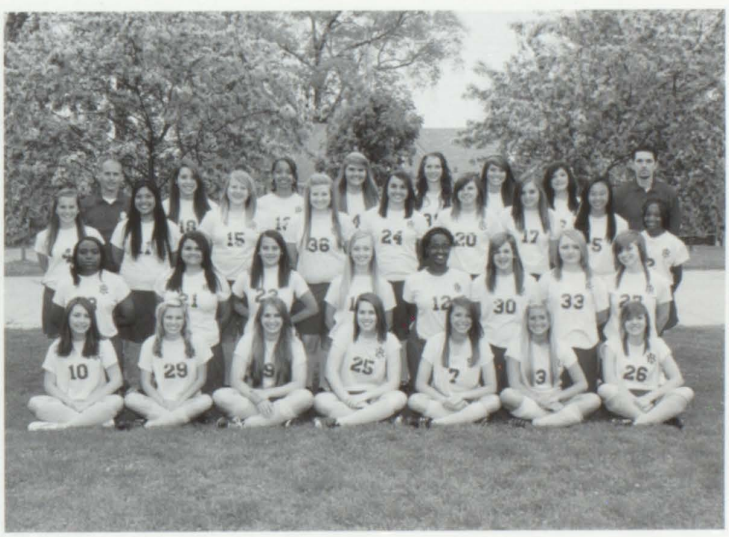
Left: The Varsity Girls, left to right. Bottom row: Haley Day, Whitney Hoover, Carmen Mojica, Courtney Camlin, Tricia Kavanaugh, Phatcharin Dara. Second Row: Maggie Williams, Jaymie Dietz, Lindsey Terronez, Falon Anderson, Ellen Moller, Sara Allen, Mackenzie Heriford. Third Row: Abby Wilson, Brooke Frederick, Tori Fuller, Alexis Groothaert, Estefanie Ramirez, Miranda Johnson, Katie Helmers, Mia Kavensky. Back Row: Conan Dalton, Corey Dalton, Ariana Jackobsen, Taylor VeMeer, Paris Roberts, Sarah Miers, Gabe Locke.

Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity team practice for almost two hours everyday. After every practice and game, the girls like to bring it in, and break out. Katie Helmers said, "It makes it feel more 'one,' rather than just two different teams. The bus rides help with that, too."





Left: In the game against United Township, sweeper, Sara Allen, takes the goal kick.



The Junior Varsity Girls, left to right. Bottom Row: Alexis Groothaert, Kayla Winfree, Leontina Kadriu, Courtney Kernan, Tori Fuller, Miranda Johnson, Taylor Thorton. Second Row: Alesha Colvin, Sami Knittle, Shaniece Walker, Megan Dickey, Catrell Leigh, Haley Walker, Allysa Bries, Autumn Sulouff. Third Row: Mia Kavensky, Leydi Lopez, Sydnie McNeal, Ryan Bucktrout, Mariah Witsman, Breonna Mish, Jessica Gilmore, Marissa Loggins. Back Row: Corey Dalton, Maggie Pappas, Falon Anderson, Ally Sweeney, Kelly Tyler, Jessica Godoy, Stephanie Avena.

Below Left: Trineisha Gray makes a great leap into the pits for her long jump.
Below: Triona Roberts hands the baton off to the last leg of the relay, Telis Garcia.



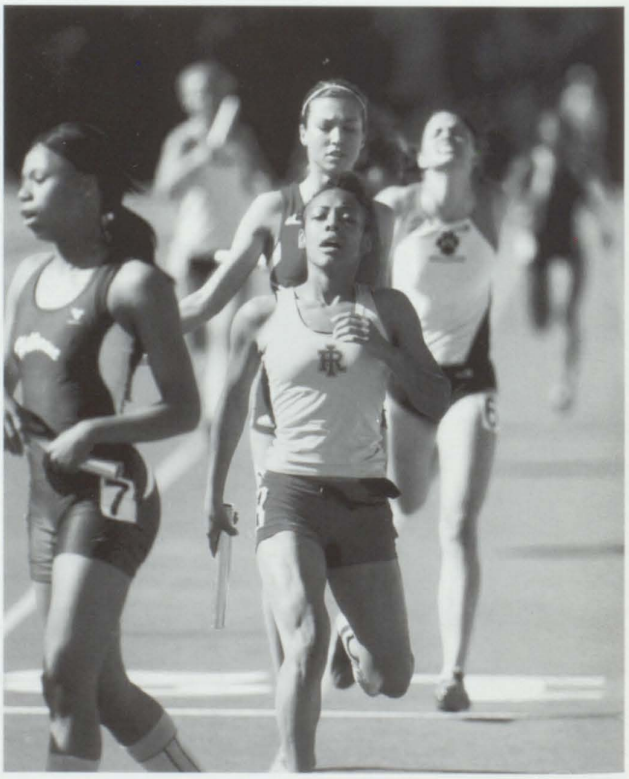






Above: Sophomore runner, Joanna Cone, represents Rocky well while running for her first time at the State Meet.

Right: Telis Garcia finishes her relay strong for her team, putting the Rocks in position to place at the State Meet.



Sp[RI]nting through Obstacles and Past Expectations

To any other program, injuries and graduating track stars would have been a definite Achilles heel, but these facts did not stop the 2010 Rock Island Girls' program from achieving their goals. "The good thing about this is that it showed the great heart our team had," explained Coach Lillis. The season didn't begin how the girls had hoped. They did not win meets right away. The Rocks persevered though, and battled back to take seventh in State.

"When the season started, my goal was to place in the top three. Even though we did not finish in the top three, the girls accomplished more than I had imagined due to the unforeseen injuries," said Coach Lillis.

Senior runner, Triona Roberts, was a big standout throughout the year. "Ciara Turner was a standout after bouncing back from an injury in the beginning of the year," states Lillis. Joanna Cone was a great help to the team, as she was in long distance along with being a great help at State.

"There are so many others on the team that were a big help this season, you cannot just name one, " Mrs. Lillis explains. Brieanna Barnes learned how to pole vault and almost made it to State in just one season. Pole vaulting is not an easy thing to do. You have to have a lot of heart to even attempt the event. "I say everyone who ran a relay this year and made it work was a lot of help," Coach Michelle Lillis states. All season, the relays were changed and the girls never had a set relay team due to the injuries on the team.

Despite the team's ups and downs, they still overcame all the expectations. The girls' track team came out with a seventh place title from State even with all the odds against them. There's no question they earned every trophy and medal they got this season.



Senior runner, Triona Roberts practices her block starts to get ready for her Open 400m Dash.







Above: Coach Bonner and senior runner, Triona Roberts, have a little fun before the team gets ready to practice for the 4x4.
Left: Runners Joanna Cone, Troy Jackson, Triona Roberts, and Telis Garcia place 3rd in the 4 x 4 at State.

Camarade[RI]e on the Court

Even though the girls' tennis team was thought to be the Conference underdogs, they proved everyone wrong this season. With the help of their coaches, Jeff McCracken, Robbie Ramsdale, and Don Hartwig, the girls slowly crept to the top. The Rocky Girls' Tennis Team made a name for themselves. By mid-season, they were upsetting the entire Conference. Every week, the Rocks pulled out more and more unexpected wins. The girls' determination and hard work is what senior, Sarah Diamond, said helped the team break through their underdog mold. Even though the girls were experiencing a winning season, the team said that no win could compare to the family-like bond they experienced with one another.

Sarah Diamond explained the team's camaraderie, saying," Our team, or better yet our family, is what made the season so great." Janea Jacobs explained, "Our team was so diverse. We had so many talented girls on the team." Though the team's season ended at Sectionals, the girls have said that they have enough memories to last them a lifetime.

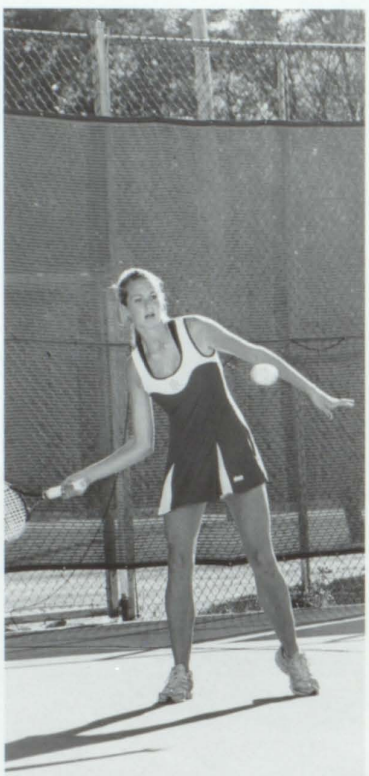
"I'll miss the 2010 tennis family. We had so much fun; team dinners at Buffalo Wild Wings, singing along to the Black Eyed Peas on long bus rides, and dancing sessions during practice. I always had a good time with my girls," said Kelly Tyler.

The Rock Island Rocks Girls' Team had a special bond that not all teams get to experience. Though the girls may have ended the season without a State Title, they left with memories greater than any win.

Right: Ayala Quick prepares to relinquish a fierce serve on her opponent.
Bottom Right: Ryan Bucktrout focuses while preparing to return the ball.



Below: Kelly Tyler stands strong as she returns the ball with a mighty forehand.





Below: Determined to keep the ball in play, Kayla Babers attacks the ball in her match against Moline.





Front Row: Haley Walker, Hannah Rodgers, Abby Williams, Adriana Blanco,
Second Row: Gabriela Perez, Ryan Bucktrout, Sarah Diamond, Sidney Laughlin, Sammy Carr, Kim Phillips
Third Row: Anna Teggatz, Carolina Medina, Kayla Babers, Taryn Kosche, Devon DeSmet, Arazi Bashaw, Ashley Stiles Fourth Row: Head Coach Jeff McCracken, Janea Jacobs, Selicia Applegate, Jessica Godoy, Kelly Tyler, Kelsey Engstrom, Ellen Moller, Assistant Coach Don Hartwig

Get a G[RI]P on Boys' Tennis

For weeks, the Rocky Boys' Tennis team conditioned in the fitness center, preparing for the real deal: outdoor practice on the courts. However, before they could do that, the courts had to be cleared of the snow and slush that had accumulated over months of Midwestern wintry weather.

"It was tough, but we knew we had to clear it if we wanted to play," said junior Steven Wilson. "Stepping onto the green courts outside for the first time was a blast."

The season commenced with learning the basic tennis grips and strokes from Coach Jeff McCracken and assistant coaches Don and Rob, before moving on to intermediate and advanced skills, like serving and slicing. After this, the team started competing at Regional meets, while continuing daily practice.

"My best memories from the season were the bus trips to road meets," said freshman Atticus Garrison. Vying against both Western Big 6 and non-conference opponents, the Rocks experienced the glory of success, as well as the agony of defeat. The team outplayed the Sterling Golden Warriors on the road in their first meet of the season. Other teams were not as easy.

"Geneseo was the toughest opponent," said sophomore Kevin Hunter. "They were able to identify my weakness and use it against me."

While matches were a great source for competitive fun, the practices made the Rocks who they were.

"I think the main objective for the team was to get better at tennis, while having fun," said sophomore Ben Payne. "The meets were a good indication of our progress, but the practices gave the team chemistry, gelling, and identity."

After a successful and hard-fought season, the Rocks were ready to indulge in delicious Italian cuisine at Huckleberry's for the annual Boys' Tennis Banquet. There, Coach Jeff McCracken highlighted the season's accomplishments, honored the players, gave a farewell to graduating seniors, and discussed plans for the following season.

"We are all one big family," said freshman AJ Clay. "We all help each other out and give each other encouragement when it's needed most, inside of the tennis court and out."





Top Left: Senior Zach Payton practices his serve before a doubles match in Galesburg.

Top Right: Senior Grant Snyder gets ready to crush the ball while returning it in a singles match.

Bottom Left: Sophomore Rieley Finn follows through with his serve in a singles match against Galesburg.

Bottom Right: Eying his toss, senior Mike Riese prepares to unleash a serve in a doubles match.







Right: Sophomore Ryan Newman challenges his opponent with a baseline forehand.



2010 Team
1st Row, L-R: Steven Wilson, Jared Perkins, Zach Randolph, Travis Reed, Jonas Foster, Rieley Finn; 2nd Row: Wes Foster, Cameron Barnett, Mike Riese, Hayden King, Ben Payne, Quinton Wilson, Ryan Stougard, 3rd Row: Ryan Newman, Lindsey Sutter, Jeff Sloan, Jordan Gosa, Atticus Garrison, Assistant Coach Don Hartwig, A.J. Clay, Assistant Coach Rob, Head Coach Jeff McCracken, Kevin Hunter.

B[RI]ng It On!

Coach Ebner was very proud of the 2010 softball season. He has been coaching for 20 years and enjoys every minute of it. He also enjoys working with the girls and watching them improve throughout the season. Last year, the Varsity Softball Team ended with a record of 16 wins and 17 losses. The goals last year included "improving in all aspects of the game," Ebner explained. Ebner was pleased with the team's progress, especially during the second half of the season. Despite the losses, Rocky did beat Alleman, making the game a highlight of the season. The girls finished 3rd in the Conference. "I hope the girls not only learn the game of softball, but also learn life lessons that can relate to the game," Coach Ebner stated.

Standout athletes from last year, included seniors Sarah Bebber, Sarah DeSpain, Leanna Serano, Emily West, and Megan Wilson. Coach Ebner is looking to Christina Beam, Tracy Rade, Brooke Williams, Taylor Walker, and Summer Carter to spark the 2011 team. There are also a number of sophomores and freshmen who show promise in filling gaps left by the graduating seniors.

Below: Tracy Rade shows her perfect form as she connects with the ball.





The 2010 Varsity Team: Megan Wilson. Summer Carter, Sarah Bebber, Tracy Rade, Christina Beam, Tiffany Comstock. LeAnna Serrano, Sarah DeSpain, Kylee Villarreal, Brooke Willaims, Gracyn Schriner, Steve Ebner, Martin Rohm, Emily West, Taylor Walker, Jon Catterton, and Tom Buck.





Top: Christina Beam runs to field a grounder.

Above: Tiffany Comstock throws the ball to make another out.



The 2010 JV Softball Team.



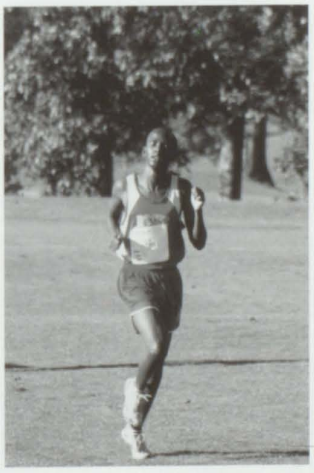
Above: Sarah Bebber waits for the pitch.

[RI]sing Talent











Above: Denzel Gay and Inyase Hakizimana use each other for support, as the course gets difficult.

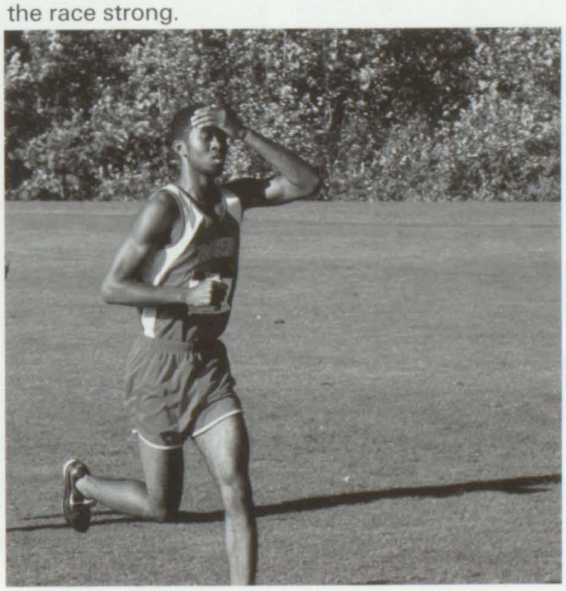
Left: The Fresh/Soph boys earned first place at the Rock Island Invitational meet.

Wins and losses don't determine the success of a season. It's the character and togetherness that allows a group to be called a team. As individuals, little can be done, but when a team comes together, great things can be accomplished. This mindset is what cross country is all about. From the surface, this year's boys' team may appear ordinary, normal, or even average, but the chemistry they possessed was, indeed, remarkable.

During the season, Thursday nights are reserved for team pasta parties. Whether it be at a team member's house, coach's house, a park, or a traditionally Italian restaurant; no one disobeys this weekly ritual. This time is not only used to fill up on carbs for the upcoming meet, but to bond and become closer as a team. The 2010 Rock Island Boys' Cross Country Team embodies everything a "team" should be. "I'm excited to see our improvements next season. I have a feeling we can take the Conference by storm if we work hard," Coach Terronez said. The foundation laid, sets high hopes for future teams to come.

The idea of 'running' sounds simple- just move your legs and go. But to compete is much more difficult. Eric Ikindiro makes running appear ever so easy, as if it came second nature to him. "When I run, I don't think. I just block out everything, and move my legs." Not too often does a sophomore make the All-Metro Cross Country Team. But this title evidently means little to him, because Eric runs for the love of it.

Overcoming fatigue, Garry Allbritton finishes the race strong.



Right: Rock Island runners, Joanna Cone and Jessica Bacon, run side by side to the finish line.

Below: Celeste Arteaga and Jessica Bacon race against two of the Geneseo runners.





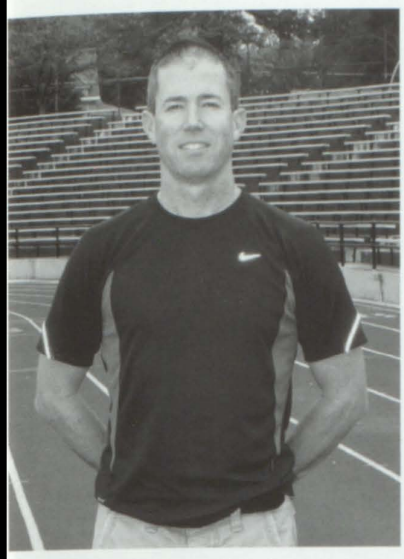


Above: Kiah Clements strides her way to down the straight away.

Right: The Rocks come together to talk about their game plan for the Invitational Meet.



ST[RI]DING TO SUCCESS









"Commitment makes the best chemistry," explains Girls' Cross Country Coach, Tony VanDeWalle. This season, the girls' goals were to improve from last year, and they did just that. During the season, they were close to second in the Big 6. They qualified out of Regionals to go to Sectionals, where they were ranked eighth, and beat several other ranked teams.

Jessica Bacon, Celeste Arteaga, and Kelly Bishop proved that hard work during this season leads to success when all three girls made the Conference Team. "Jessica Bacon was extremely helpful and a great captain. Kelly Bishop was new to Cross Country at Rocky, and really gave our team a boost," explained Coach VanDeWalle.

This year, the Rock Island Girls' Cross Country Team had the biggest squad out of all the Big 6 schools. They were also ranked in the Top 20 all season long. The team showed this season that they have worked harder than ever, and they are excited to push their limits once again next season.



Top Left: Head Coach Tony VanDeWalle
Top Right: Mackenzie Heriford and Jessica Bacon pose before their race.
Middle: Joanna Cone and Celeste Arteaga separate themselves from the pack.
Bottom: Kelly Bishop heads to the finish line at the R.I. Invitational Meet.



Front Row: Sami McCollum, Isabella Naab, Kiah Clements, Isabel Vallejo, Joanna Cone, Jessica Bacon. Middle Row: Chastity Gingry, Kira Clements, Deauna Ivy, Bora Makyienge, Claire Bacon. Back Row: Head Coach Tony VanDeWalle, Kirsten Tauke, Jazmin Taylor, Courtney Camlin, Mackenzie Heriford, Lamon Phillips.

Right: Varsity starter, Senior Jake Davis, gets pumped for a game with the help of his teammates.

Below: Nathan Gray fends off his opponent as he makes a run with the ball.







Above: Rock Island Rocks show the crowd they have what it takes to fight to the finish.

Right: Coach Boblett and his team take a knee after a game. The players listen carefully to his post-game speech.





F[RI]day Night Lights

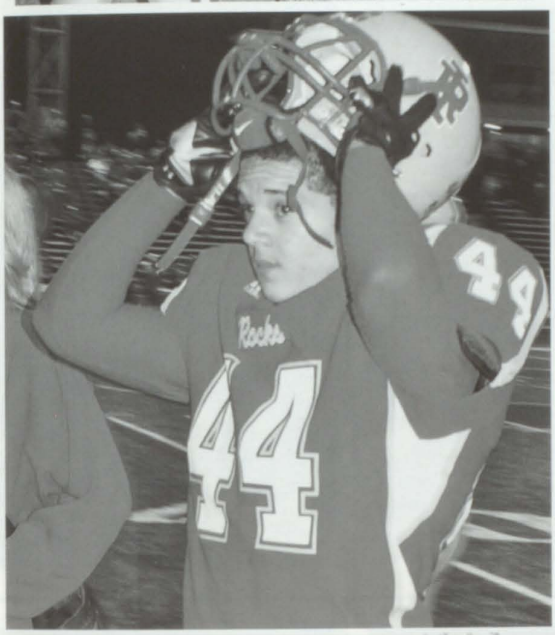
Oftentimes, sports provide athletes with much more than simply an opportunity to play a game. Sports create elation, heartbreak, the chance to show determination, and, perhaps most importantly, a sense of belonging for its athletes. The 2010 Football Team proved to be no exception.

"I don't ever want it to end. I don't ever think I will experience football like Rock Island Football," Senior Nikko Watson states, explaining the strong tradition built into the program. Being a part of Rock Island Football means "being a part of something that's special," explains Thurgood Brooks.

The Rocks football season has been both heart-warming and heart-breaking. The Rocks went 7-2 in the regular season. However, the tough losses to Alleman and Quincy made the team stronger. "It makes us hungry for a victory, and pushes us toward our goals," says Senior Thurgood Brooks. Coach Boblett explains that his "proudest moments come in losses. It takes close games to bring that out, and the kids absolutely play their hearts out."

Despite the two losses in the regular season, the Rocks pulled out an overtime victory in the first round of playoffs against DeKalb. In the second round, the Rocks lost to Crete-Monee. However, the Rocks still had an impressive season. Senior Nikko Watson closed his last year for the Rocks by earning All-State Honors.

While the Rocks didn't make it as far as they hoped in the post season, the team still got the experience only a select few can have. They played under the Friday night lights for hundreds of fans cheering them on. For Coach Boblett, the team's accomplishments go beyond the field. He explains, "This year, we have a lot of gifted players. They bonded well and play well, all the way through. It's when adversity strikes that your true character comes out."



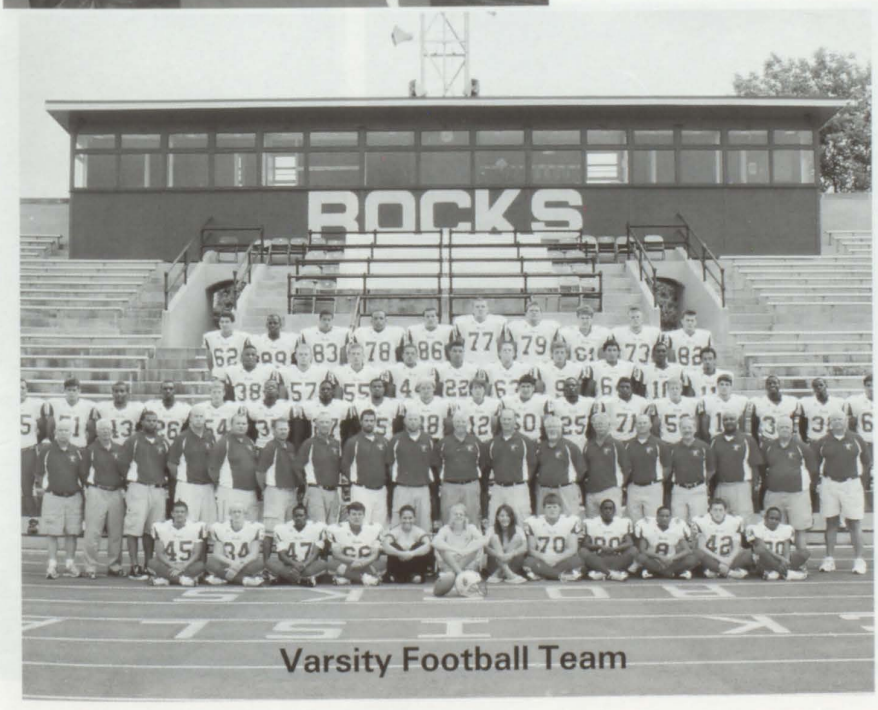


Above: Fullback Nikko Watson runs the ball down the field in front of a home crowd.



Thurgood Brooks pushes through the defense.

Left: Addison Williams prepares to go into the game.



Varsity Football Team

Freshmen Team





Sophomore Team

Chee[RI]ng on the *Football* Players



When the cheerleaders sign up and try out for cheer, they are dedicating themselves to a sport just like the football players do. They practice two days a week for two hours each day, go to every game, and cheer the football players on to victory.

Their week begins on Tuesday, when the cheerleaders get together to practice. At practice, they work on their stunts and cheers. They practice on Thursday, and during this practice, the cheerleaders figure out and set up their stunts and cheers to perform during the games.

At the beginning of each game, the devoted Varsity Cheerleaders put their hands in to listen to Coach Creger say an inspiring quote. "The quotes always match the game and the week we are having. It's all accidental how much the quotes hit us and our lives, but it makes us want to cheer our Rocks on to victory!" says Varsity Cheerleader, Kristin Myers. After the quote, the cheerleaders line up on the sidelines to cheer on the football players as they are announced. "I love the Friday night games, and the feeling of pride when our team runs out and breaks the banner," says Anna Nash, Senior and Varsity Cheerleader. After the National Anthem, the Varsity Cheerleaders do the Rock Island Fight Song, "Fight On, Rock Island." As the game progresses, the cheerleaders cheer more and more. The cheerleaders, along with Letterman's Club, do their best to get the crowd as involved as much as possible. At the end of the game, the cheerleaders celebrate a victory, or on the very rare occasion that the Rocks lose, the cheerleaders comfort the players, and tell them to fight on...

Keep up the COURAGE. Let's show our ***grit***. FIGHT 'til the end, for we'll never *quit*, 'cause that's the old Rock Island way. So FIGHT on, ye sons of men, FIGHT ON. Pile up the score sky high. For winning or losing, let our goal be loyalty to old [RI].



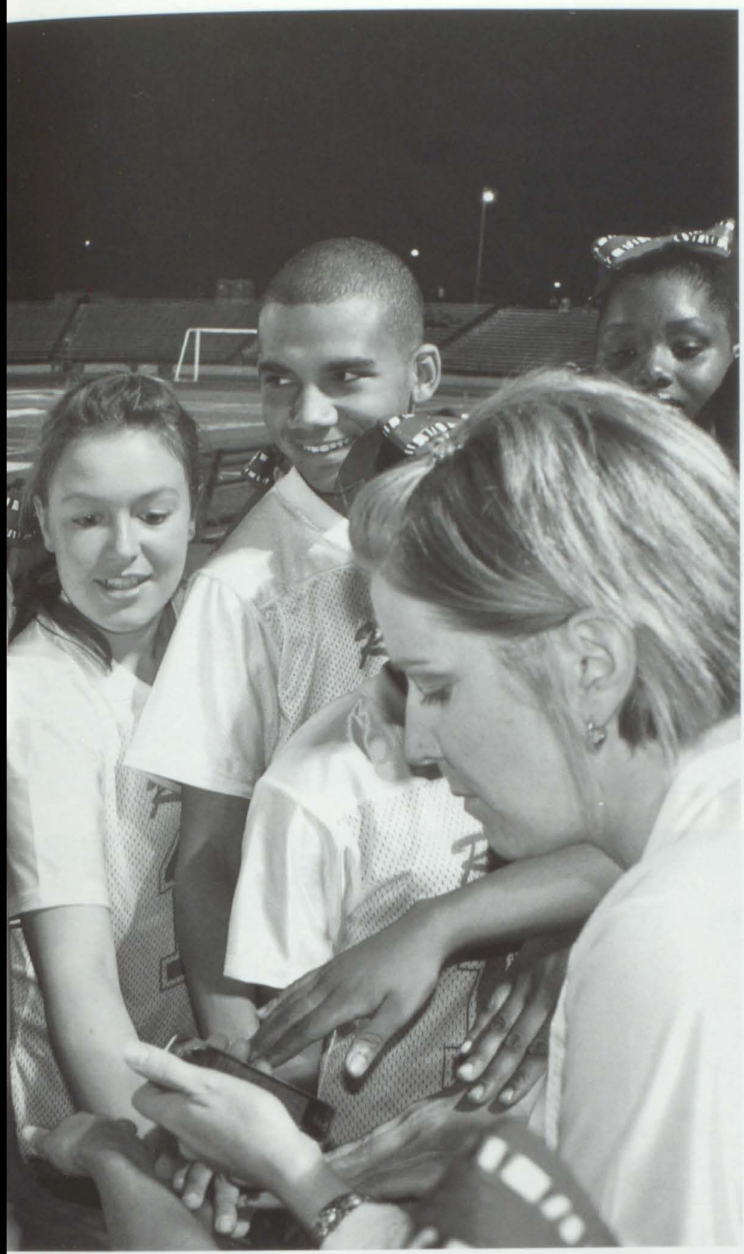
Sophomore, Troy Jackson, stands tall in a stunt during the starting line up at the Homecoming game against the Galesburg Streaks.



Above: The Varsity, Sophomore, and Freshmen Cheerleaders show school spirit by cheering in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade.



Right: Standing on the sideline at one of the home football games, the Varsity Cheerleaders show their respect for an injured player.



Freshmen Cheerleaders

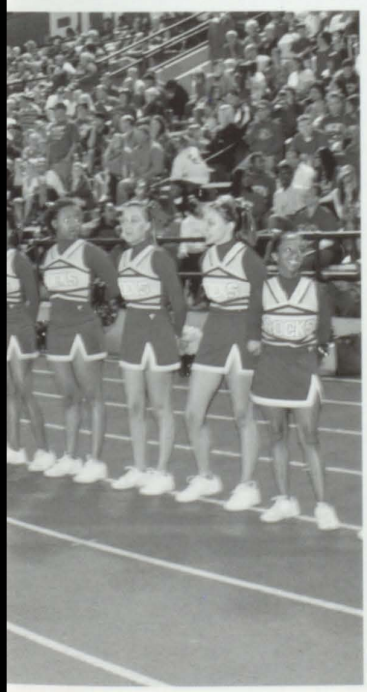
Front Row L to R: Abby Wieland, Izzy Wieland. Middle Row L to R: Asia Garcias, Isabella Kongkousonh, Jasmine Babers. Back Row L to R: Brandi Trice, Stasi Jones, Helena Smiley.





Sophomore Cheerleaders

Front Row L to R: Ellen Reeder, Troy Jackson. Middle Row L to R: Aviana Jones, Allison Scudder, Shaina Hughes. Back Row L to R: Dominique Butler, Jolinda Simmons, Miranda Sneade, Sarah Smith.





Varsity Cheerleaders

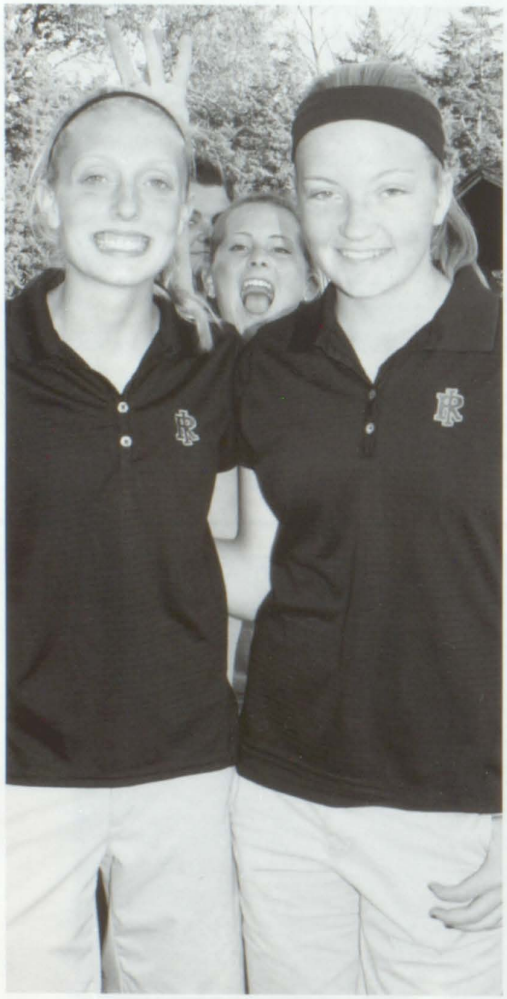
Front Row L to R: Voise Washington, Danielle McCart, Marissa Loggins, Ashley Jacobs, Anjelle Aldridge. Middle Row L to R: Jamisha Farley, Tori Fuller, Donte Nesbitt, Kristin Myers, Dionna Reed. Back Row L to R: Chyna Johnson, Michelle Larson, Brianna McKeithen, Chelsea Poe, Markia Dothard, BriAnna Watson, Anna Nash.

Deciding on her shot, Abby Wilson picks her next club.

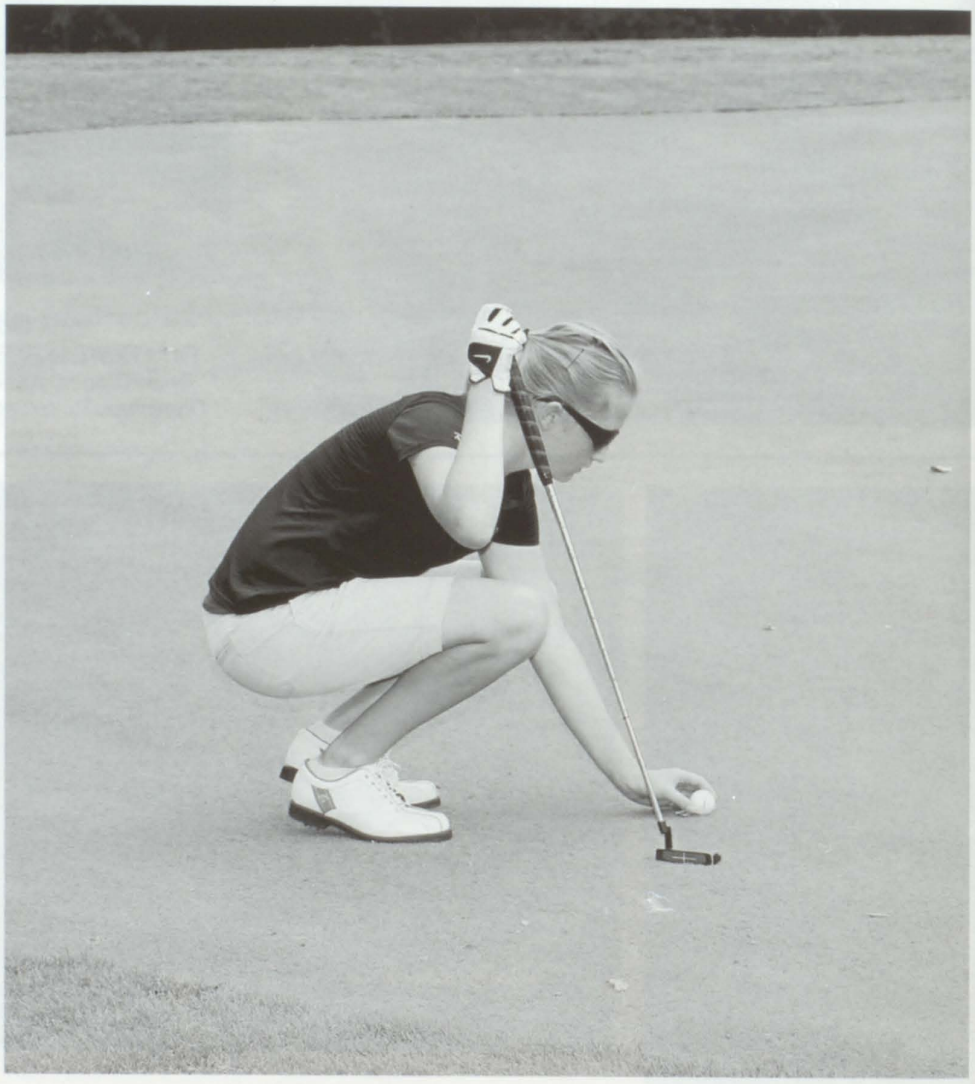


With a gentle putt ,Sami Knittle attempts her next shot.





Katie Thompson, Mia Kavensky, and Laurel Enstrom show their silly side at a tournament.



Laurel Enstrom focuses on her shot.

Below: Katie Thompson successfully chips the ball out of the sand trap.



Despite graduating many from last year's varsity team, the Girls' Golf Team overcame those absences with hard work and improvement. With a lot of time and dedication, the team was able to finish fourth in the Conference. After Conference, juniors Katie Thompson and Laurel Enstrom's hard work was rewarded with a trip to Sectionals. Katie and Laurel's success proved that the time and dedication they put in through the season and during the summer had been well worth it.

Coach Johnson has high hopes that next year, with more hard work and practice, Katie and Laurel will be joined by many of their teammates in the post season. The team worked hard enough to finish fourth in Conference, and did really well competing in WB6. "With a 7 - 13 record, our Girls' Golf Team pulled the season off with a smile. We were also pretty satisfied in beating our rival, Alleman, every time we went up against them," explained junior, Mia Kavensky. Coach Johnson said, "I'm extremely happy with this season. Hard work and good attitudes really paid off for these girls. They were true golfing Rock Stars."

Swinging for Victo[RI]es

Front Row: Hannah Meyers, Abby Wilson, Meagan Dickey, Sam Bebber, and Mia Kavensky.
Middle Row: Shaniece Walker, Emily Sharp, Abby Winfree, Sarah McKay, Katie Thompson, Sami Knittle.
Back Row: Coach Jennifer Johnson, Alyssa Sharp, Kaitlin Chard, Ally Sweeney, Alyssa Walton, Laurel Enstrom





Left: Mia Kavensky follows through on her shot.

Cont[RI]buting to a Team Success

When most people think of soccer, they probably think of it as the easy sport that almost everybody played as a kid. But when soccer is played on the high school level, it needs a great deal of hard work on the practice field and during the off season. At the beginning of the season, the team was a lot bigger than expected, and not everybody knew each other. Throughout the season, everybody had to learn how to work as a team, and gain each others' trust on and off the soccer field.

As the team played harder and began to work as a team, their efforts turned into wins. Coach Dalton said, "The high point of the season was the last couple of games when we started to work harder and play more as a team."

The team's hard work also allowed them to accomplish the goals they set for the season. Coach Dalton said, "Our goals for the season were to limit the amount of goals the other team scored and to win a Regional game. We accomplished both." The Regional game win was a high point in the season. Coach Dalton explains, "The game we had the most success in was our Regional game against Orion. We came out and played very hard, and scored goals early, and never let up."



Front L to R: DeWan Jones, Jorge Galeana, Steven Nowinski, Omar Perez. Middle L to R: Blake Edmondson, Fernando Casteneda, Edgar Brown, Chikunze Eivojonfaunk, Emmauel Becumi. Back L to R: Head Coach Darrick Kent, Jinesh Shah, Mitchell Hodge, Miguel Rodriguez, Dieudonne Nsengi, Assistant Coach Lee Blumberg



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Edgar Marceleno passes the ball down the field.



Jean Louis Sawadago looks to push the ball up the field.



Nathan Trimble fights for the ball on the out of bounds line.



Diego Marceleno has his eye on the ball as Quincy takes a shot on goal.



The 2010 Varsity Team

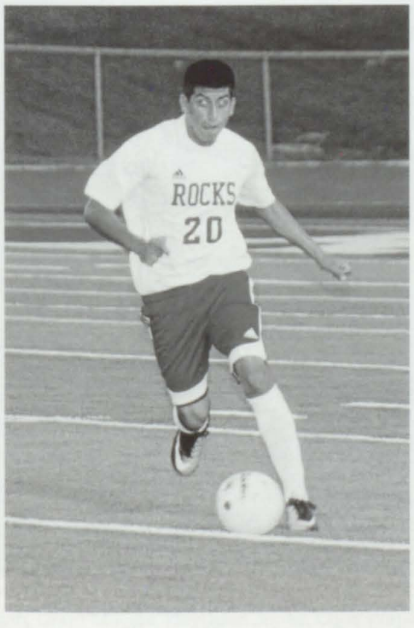
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Above: Christopher Villasenor, team manager, cheers the team on during a home game.











Above: Gregray Davis: Moves the ball up the field against Quincy during a home Conference game.

Left: Jean Louis Sawadago kicks the ball down the field as he takes a goal kick for the Rocks.

Far Left: Vicente Ruiz dribbles the ball up the field.

Bottom: Diego Marceleno punts the ball down the field.

ONE HISTO[RI]C SEASON

This season, the Rock Island Boys' Basketball Team accomplished what no other team in the school, or Illinois Quad City team has ever accomplished. They won a State Title. The Rocks beat Centralia 50-40 in double overtime to win the school's first ever State Championship in basketball.

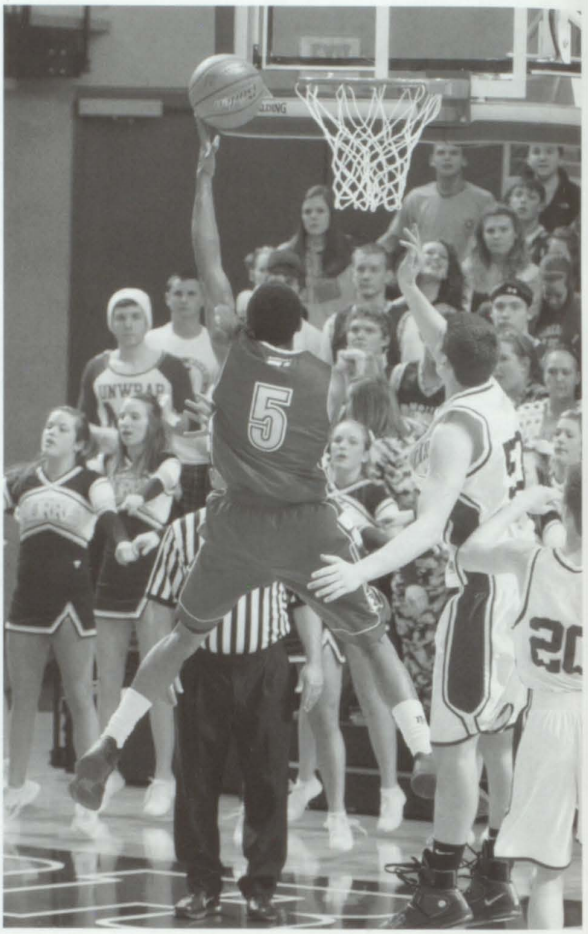
Winning State is not the only reason this season proved historic for the Rocks. During the season, Rocky broke a number of records. They finished the season with 30 wins, a new school record. Chasson Randle became the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder, finishing his career with 2,159 points. During the final game, Denzel McCauley grabbed 17 rebounds, a new tournament record. The Rocks also won Conference and had three players (Chasson Randle, Royce Muskeyvalley, and Denzel McCauley) make the All State Team. Chasson Randle was named Gatorade's Illinois Player of the Year, as well.

Throughout the season, the Rocks handled their success with class and a fierce dedication to each other. They called themselves a family, a bond they had been fostering since grade school. Senior, Cameron Ruiz explained, "Basketball has been in my life since I was seven, but I've been teammates with guard, Devon Jones since our baseball days." Royce Muskeyvalley and Chasson Randle have known each other for a long time, on and off the court. Royce explains how the person he knows best on the court is Chasson Randle. "We have been playing together my whole life," he states.

Undoubtedly, the Rocks' family mentality was key to their record breaking success. Coach Sigel explained, "These guys took to heart being a family. They have been building it for years. They accepted roles and did whatever was asked of them. They were individually committed to a group effort. That's what they did a number of times this year. When it looked bleak, they bonded together. They were a family all year." He added, jokingly, about the double overtime victory, stating, "Our family decided they just wanted to play another eight minutes together."

Right: Chasson Randle goes in for a dunk during a post season game. Below: The Rocks celebrate their championship with the fans.







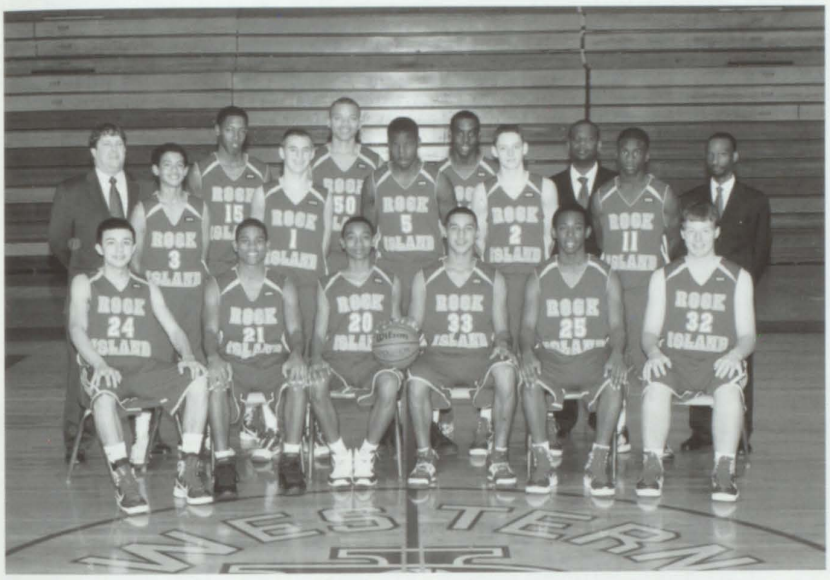
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Left: Senior standout, Chasson Randle goes in for the dunk against crosstown rival, Alleman.
Below: Royce Muskeyvalley dribbles past Alleman's defense.



Below: Alleman's offense proves no match for Rocky as Darquez Bonner swats away a shot.





Sophomore Team: Front Row- Ethan Zepeda, Brian Richardson, James Jones, Keenan Shorter, Jacobe Julien, Thomas Knuckey, Second Row- Trae Babers, Charlie Sparkman, Jordan Stampley, Trey Sigel, Keith Simmons, Third Row- Coach Chad Baker, Breon Hawthorne, E.J. Williams, Robert Johnson, Coach Brandon Colvin, and Coach Damon Colvin



Above: Cameron Ruiz lines up for a three point shot.



Freshman Team: Front Row- Manager Nicholas Schmidt, Alec Aunan, Luke Smith, Grant Meyers, DayQuon Jones, Chris Watkins, Quinton Holmes, Jacob Walker, Jeff Robinson, Manager Jeff Campbell, Devon Jacobs, Travon Aldridge, B.J. Halliburton, Austin Simmer, Brett Livingston, Coach Rod Leatherman, Nick Painter, Michael Peters, Myles Drummond, Lawrence Turner, Joseph Perez

a spi[RI]ted squad



Above: Varsity Cheerleaders: Brianna McKeithen, Michelle Larson, Mia Kavensky, Aviana Jones, Chelsea Poe, Anjelle Aldridge, Chasey Bassett, Tori Fuller, Lindsey Schroeder, Donte Nesbitt, Anna Nash, and Kristin Myers.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Izzi Wieland, Krystin Plohr, Abbi Wieland, Isabella KongKousonh Brandi Trice, Ally Scudder, DeAuna Ivy, Stasi Jones, Sarah Smith, Shaina Hughes, Dominique Butler, Sidney Laughlin, Helena Smiley.







Top: The Rocky Cheerleaders stand together before a basketball game.

Middle: Tori Fuller gets tossed for a stunt during a timeout.

Bottom: Cheerleaders Aviana Jones, Lindsey Schroeder, and Tori Fuller pose before the game.



The Rock Island Basketball Cheerleaders had two goals for the 2010-11 season. They wanted to have good team chemistry and successful dances. The squad worked very hard to achieve these goals. Their hard work translated into some great and creative dances.

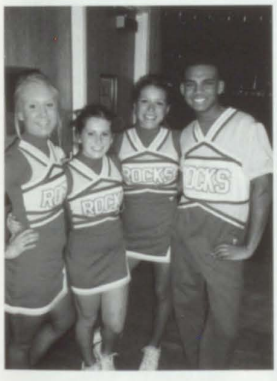
This season, Coach Creger felt especially proud of her seniors. She explains, "I felt like since it was their last year, they gave it their all." The most improved athletes were the freshmen. "They each had something individual to bring to the table and they all had something that they needed to work on and learn," says Coach Creger.

Despite the squad's challenges, this season the cheerleaders stepped up together, and did what needed to be done. "We moved up a couple of girls from the J.V. Squad, and they helped us out a lot. They had to do double duty, and I know, at times, it was tough for them, but they never complained." Coach Creger explains.

In the end, the squad overcame their challenges and did what was best for the team, not just themselves. "It always makes me proud when the girls step up and accomplish this goal," says Coach Creger.











Top: The Varsity Cheerleaders for Girls' Basketball: Deja Mueck, Alexia Harris, Jolinda Simmons, LaRissa Windisch, Jamisha Farley, Summer Carter, Jessica Medina, Kavasia Washington, Danille McCart

Middle: The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders for Girls' Basketball: Tiara Cowan, Victoria Eastman, Dannyelle Dunbar, Kayla Jacobs, Lexi Bragg, Shala Reading, Asia Garcia, Alicia Freiburg.

Above Right: The Cheerleaders pose for a picture with the State Championship trophy.

Above Middle: Mia Kavensky shows the crowd what she can do during a time out at the basketball game.

Above Left: Lindsey Schroeder, Mia Kavensky, Tori Fuller, and Donte Nesbitt pose before the game.

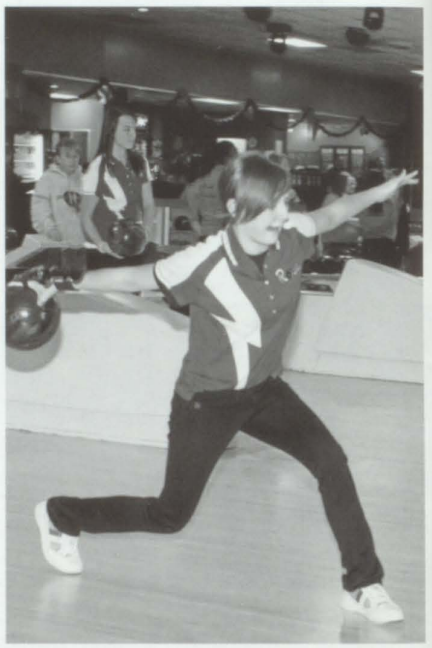
Left: The Cheerleaders react to the basketball team winning State.

Experiencing Obstacles and St[RI]king them down.

St[ri]king and sometimes guttering their way through the season, the girls' bowling team had to really bring themselves together as a team this year. At the beginning of the season, the excitement was great and the goals the team had for themselves were positive. At the start of the season, the girls were pumped and excited to start the season with a good record and do what needed to be done to qualify for State a second year in a row. Unfortunately, one morning seemed to change everything for the team. The day Town N' Country Lanes burned down really changed the course of the season. "It was really sad. I grew up there," captain Ellen Moller stated. "Of course it was unexpected, but it didn't take away the potential of the team," Coach Jim Braet explained. Despite the unfortunate event, the team remained optimistic, and tried to push forward each and every week. "We need to bring the fire!" Mariah Benson would exclaim kiddingly. Since that day, the team hasn't only concentrated on doing well at meets and tournaments, but have aimed to try to be a team, and be thankful for what they still do have, their pride. They came together and showed everyone that one incident won't bring them down.



Top Row: Coach Jim Braet, Abby Williams, Selicia Applegate, Katie Rednour, and Coach Deena Fuller. Middle Row: Anna Pienta, Allison Mann, Ali Hawotte, Ellen Moller, Emily Eckert, and Aubree Hooks. Bottom Row: Karrie McDonald, Carolina Medina, Breayona Reed , Kayla Hawotte, and Mariah Benson.



Above: Showing off her skills at a meet vs. United Township, Emily Eckert throws a strike.

SENIORS '11

Being a senior always brings responsibility. Throughout the season, these girls fought their hardest to do their best at being role models. It took an extra push to get them to come together as one team, but they accomplished that.



Ellen Moller



Mariah Benson

Below: Before every meet, the girls get in a huddle with their coaches and talk about their goals for the day.
Below, middle: Selicia Applegate and Allison Mann are anxiously waiting to bowl in that afternoon's tournament.





Below: Aubree Hooks watches and takes note while participating in her first varsity bowling tournament as a sophomore.









Below: Captains Ali Hawotte and Ellen Moller.





Above: Katie Rednour competes using her new ball at Milan Lanes.

Middle: The JV girls wait to honor the seniors on Senior Night.

Left: On Senior Night, the seniors show their pride in the team.



Allison Mann



Anna Pienta

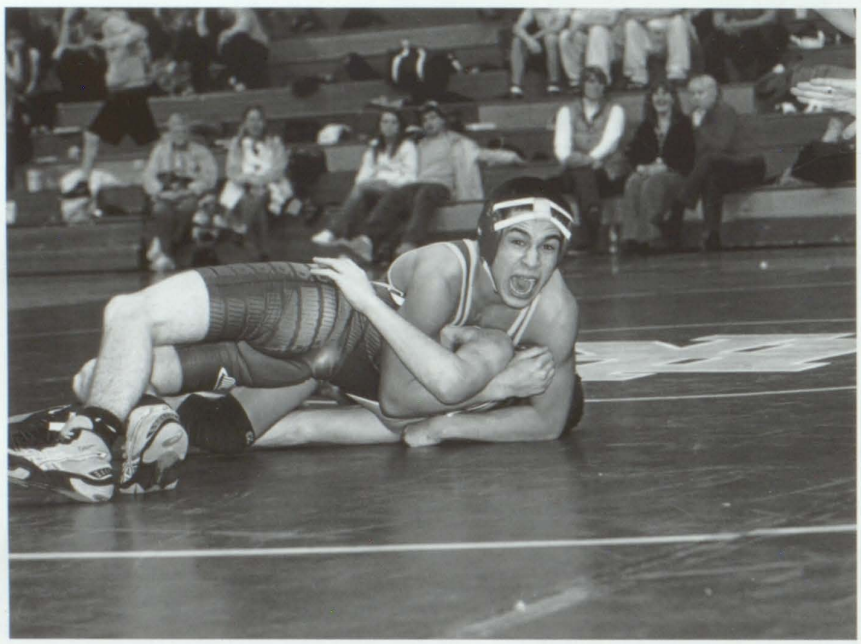


Karrie McDonald

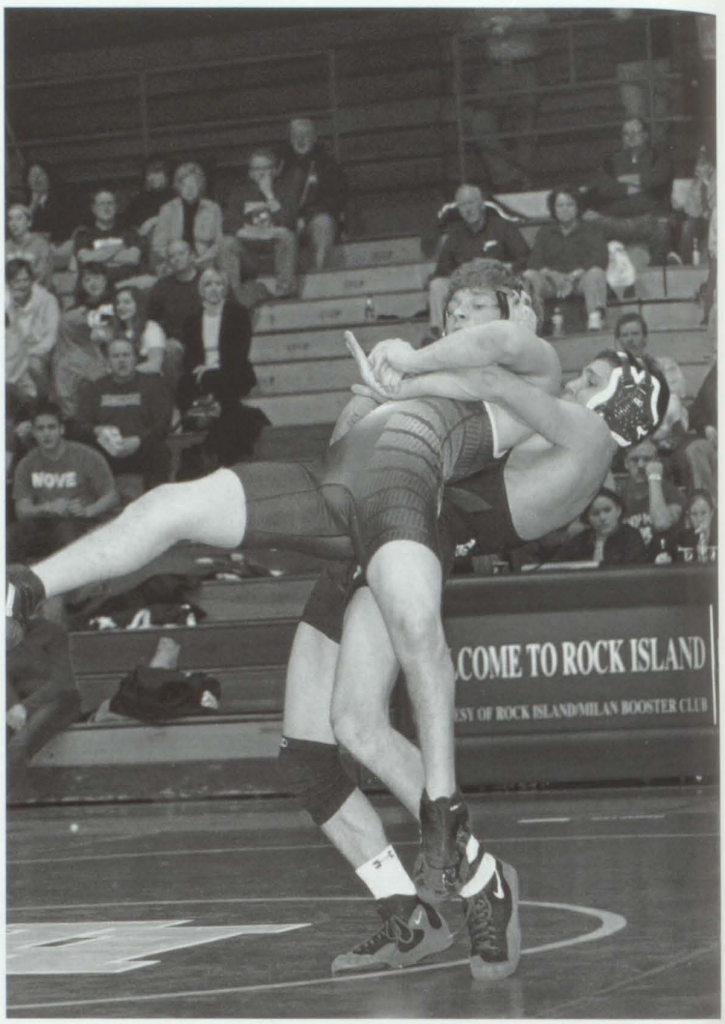


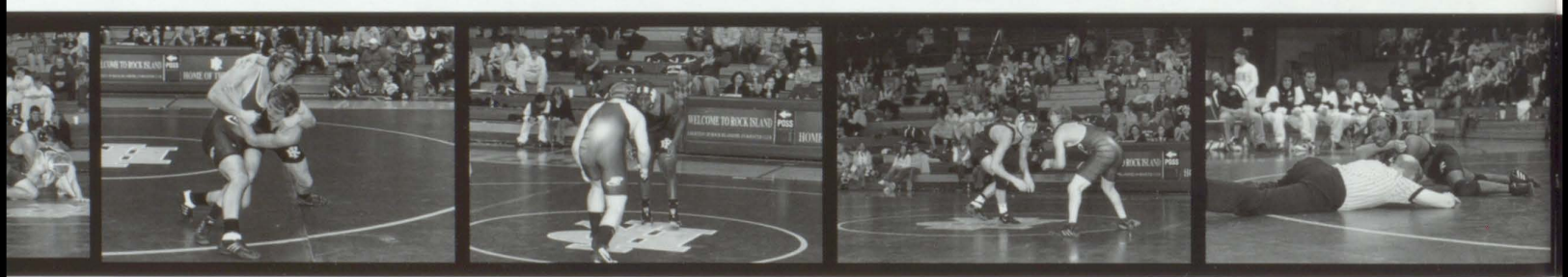
Right: The strength of one team stems from leadership. The Senior Class of 2011 gave their all to defeat whatever obstacle came their way this season to win Conference and Regionals.

Below: Sina Kalhor dominates his rival and shows his love for the sport with his "Pin it to win it" attitude.



Senior Kyle Carstens knocks another victim down with domination and determination to add another win in his stats. As a senior, he's going for the gold and taking all opponents out one by one.





Right: The Rock Island Wrestling coaches continually encouraged their athletes all season.





4th Row- Coach Mark Bollaert, Michael Cole, Jamal Morrow, Avery Euring, Nick Granell, Jake Boyd, Coach Ben Stockwell.
3rd Row- Sina Kalhor, Tyler DeHaven, Darron Warren, Jesses Krueger, Phillip Witmer, Geno Campus, Jean Sawadogo, Jaylin McGhee.
2nd Row- Manager Brittany Koutsky, Trent Morgan, Marcus Jackson, Steven Camp, Joe Granell, Anwae Euring, Jordan Groom, Devin Syler, Manager Jessica Israel
1st Row- Brad Leslie, Tionte Eddings, Kaleb Umlandt, Kole Frank, Jean Uwusavyemfura, Freddy Niyogabo, Evan Morris

Victo[RI]ous on the mat

Rock Island's Wrestling program commands respect from every opponent as soon as they step on the mat. The 2010-2011 season continued the team's tradition of success.

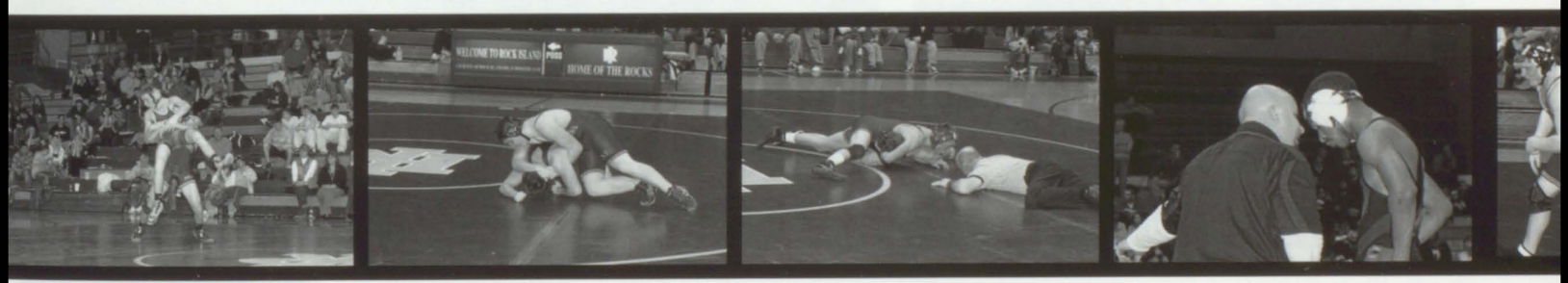
The team won Conference and Regionals, had four athletes qualify for State, and had two wrestlers medal at State.

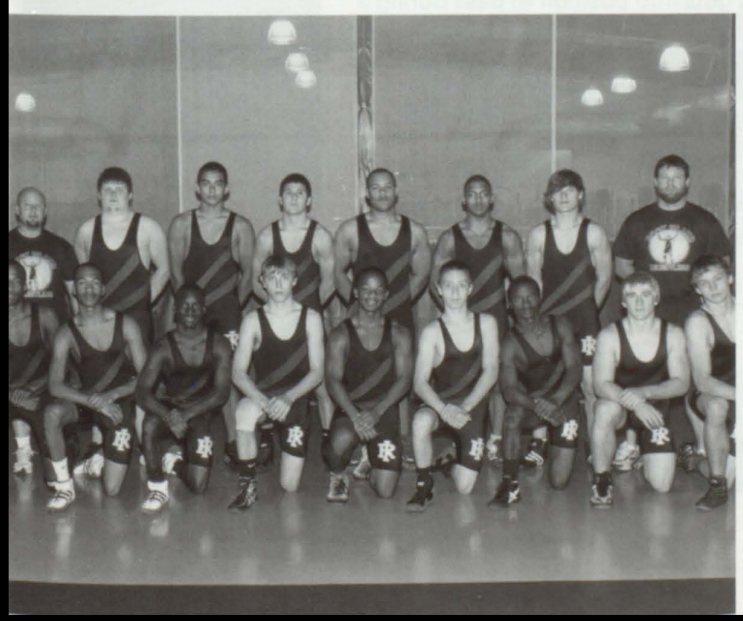
Besides winning Regionals and Conference, Coach Stockwell was also proud that his team wrestled a nationally ranked team and "scored 30 more points than anyone else all year."

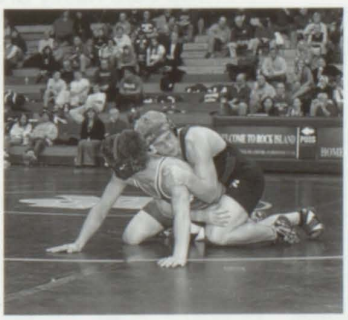
The team was led by Kyle Carstens, Thomas Welte, and Larry Harris, whose hard work provided an example for the team to follow. Coach Stockwell explained that all three athletes "made great sacrifices for the team."

Rocky's success during the season was not easily accomplished. The sport requires great endurance, both mentally and physically. Coach Bollaert explained, "The main challenge we faced was to make sure we stayed focused throughout the season in order to reach our goals. It is a very long and grueling season, and to stay focused is very tough."

The Rocks proved that they were able to focus and achieve their goals. Kyle Carstens finished in the top 6 with 37 wins. B.J. McGhee took third at State with 40 wins. Inyase Hakizimana finished fourth in State with 33 wins. Kyle Kerres returned to State for the second year. Darius Henderson and Denzel Gay also had successful seasons with 31 and 30 wins, respectively.







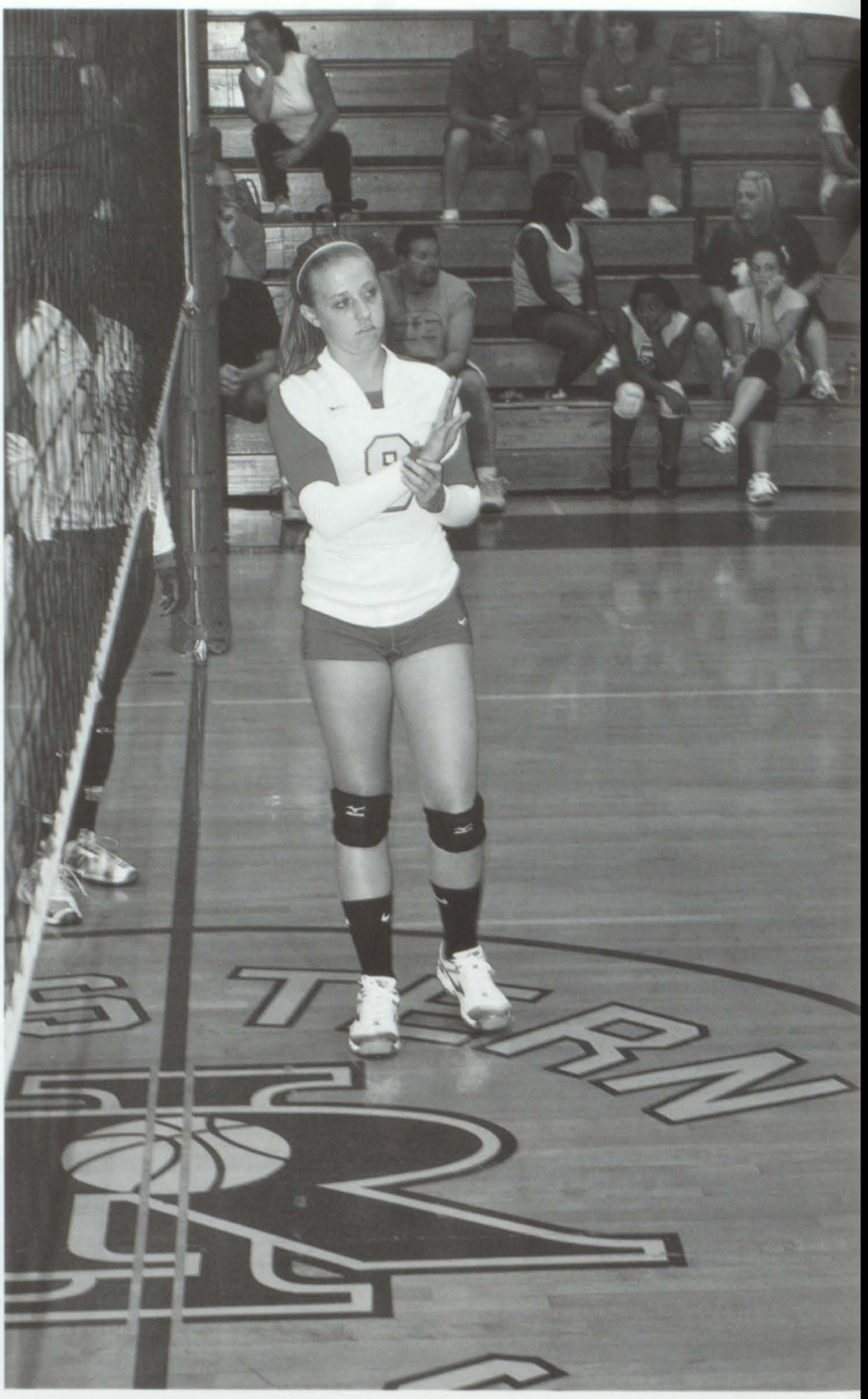
Left: Kyle Kerres defeats his opponent at a home match.

Varsity: Back Row: Coach Joel Stockwell, Taelor Hufford, Charlie Arteage, Kyle Carstens, Andrew Harris, Thomas Welte, David Price, Coach Kris Davis
Front Row: Paris Genderson, Denzel Gay, Barlow McGhee, Chase Wiggins, De'Pree Salazar, Brian DeHaven, Inyase Hakizimana, Kyle Kerres, Lucas Rusk.









Top Left: Kasey Brent gets into position to pass during a Varsity match.
Middle: Moriah Shivers goes up to smash the ball during the Rocks' warm-up time.
Above Left: The Varsity Team takes time to do some climbing during the annual team bike ride.
Above Right: Setter Jacqueline Twing focuses during a match.
Right: Shamell Mangrum goes for the kill to get pumped for an intense game.



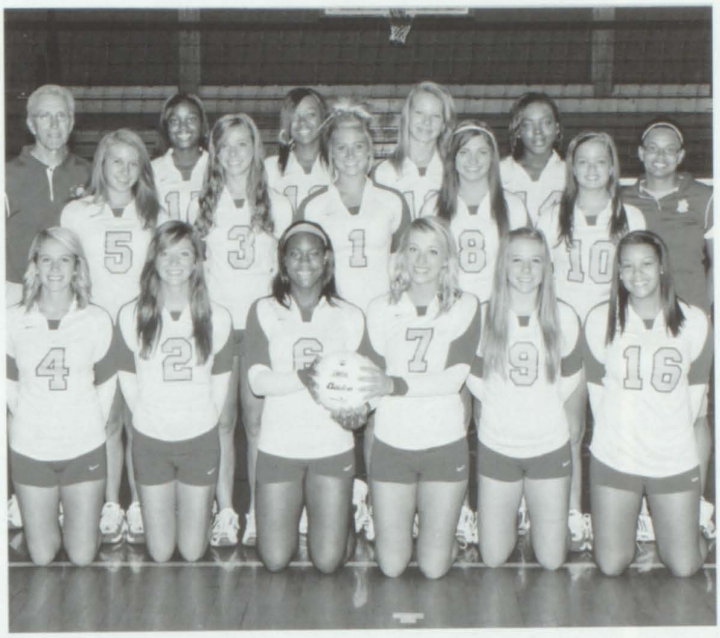
A Histo[RI]c Season

Varsity Team

Front Row L to R:
Kasey Brent, Lauren Powell, Moriah Shivers, Bailey McChesney, Jacqueline Twing, Jazmin Rodriguez.

Middle L to R:
Samantha Kirzeder, Taylor Burger, Miranda Johnson, Katie Helmers, Katie Williams.

Back L to R:
Head Coach Bill Churchill, Dejonee McCormick, Rayven Morrow, Hailey Feldhahn, Shamell Mangrum, Assistant Coach Andrea Bonner

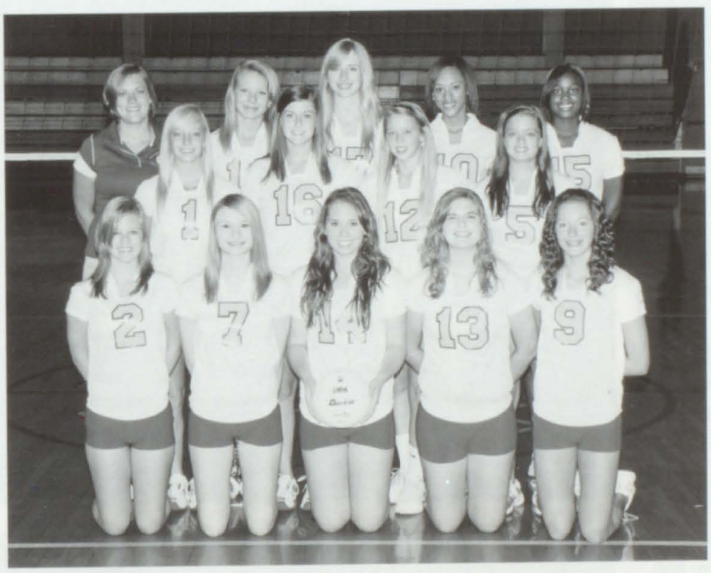


Sophomore Team

Front L to R:
Ellie Miers, Alison Carothers, Morgan Zambrano, Maggie Williams, Anna Eirinberg.

Middle L to R:
Gracyn Shriner, Kylee Villarreal, Emma Schneekloth, Katie Williams.

Back L to R:
Head Coach Samantha Pacha, Hailey Feldhahn, Hannah Ohlsen, Ashlee Moore, Dejonee McCormick



Freshman Team

Front Row L to R:
Molly Eirinberg, Kyrstin Plohr, Jacklyn Young, Alliyah Kowalik, Allysa Pool.
Middle L to R:
Lacresha Linton, Mackenzie Leatherman, Hannah Hart, Ashlyn Mumma, Emma Schneekloth, Kaitlyn Young.
Back L to R:
Coach Bill Churchill, Bailey VanderGinst, Brittany Pearson, Hannah Ohlsen, Ashlee Moore, Shamia Clark, Assistant Coach Andrea Bonner



The single Regional plaque that will hang under the Rocks' volleyball banner will serve as an icon of their accomplishments and the growth of a long-struggling program. The vacancy next to that plaque, though, will serve as a symbol of what could be in the future, and the goals for the next generation of volleyball players.

The Rock Island Lady Rocks Volleyball Team had a lot of ups and downs this season, but they fought through the tough times, and made history by winning Rocky's first 3A Regional Championship for volleyball. "That's a major goal, to be Regional Champs," said Rock Island coach, Bill Churchill. "But I thought we had a Sectional, that if we kept our intensity, we might have been able to put another plaque on the wall."

Despite losing in the first match at La-Salle Peru against the Morris Redskins, the Lady Rocks have nothing to hang their heads about. During their season, they made Rock Island history and achieved success no other volleyball team has experienced at Rocky. Junior middle hitter, Rayven Morrow said, "It is an honor to be part of making Rock Island High School history."



Rocking their [RI]vals

Coach Hoover's Words of Wisdom to the Lady Rocks

"Inch by inch is a cinch."
- The Lady Rocks have always been the underdogs. To get to the top, they had to work hard, little by little.

"We are team, Rock Town."
- To get the team pumped up, Coach Hoover puts this after every statement. The ladies must have pride in who they are representing.

"Believe!"
- Coach Hoover tells the basketball team that they have to believe in themselves to achieve.

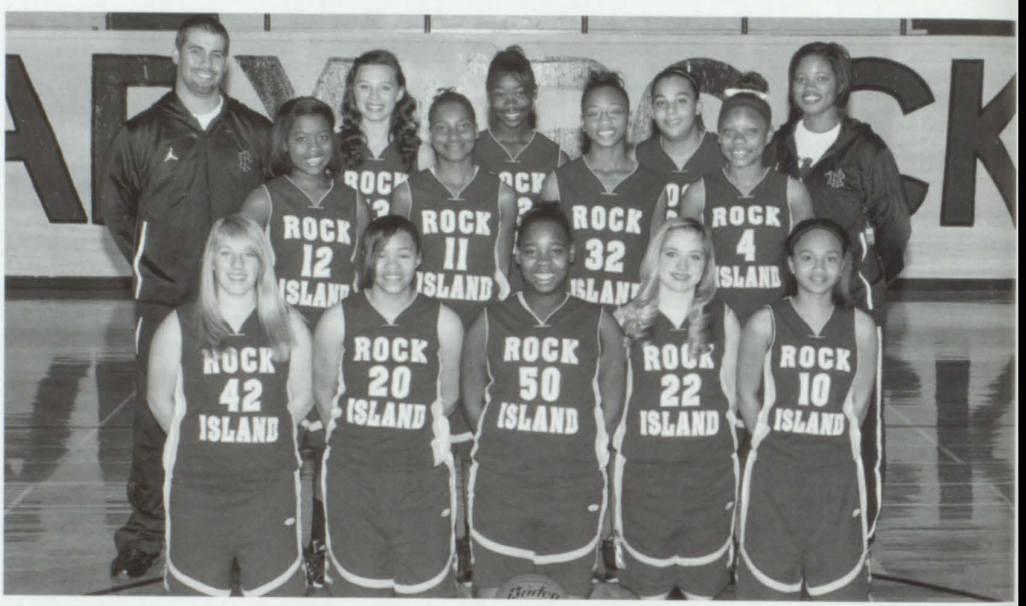
"It's Rock time all the time."
- Coach Hoover says this all the time. "Rock time" is 10 minutes ahead of schedule. He expects everyone to be on time.

"This is our house!"
- When the Lady Rocks have a home game, Coach Hoover refuses to lose, because it's at our house.

Accomplishments

- Ranked 10th in the State during the season
- Beat Moline and United Township for the first time in years
- Seeded first in the Regional Tournament
- Beat Galesburg for the first time in years
-Overall regular season record: 18-6
- Conference record: 6-3







Varsity Team
Top Row: Coach Thad Hoover, Rayven Morrow, Shamell Mangrum, Jazmin Taylor, Coach Henry Hall, Moriah Shivers. Middle Row: Raquel Garcia, Whitney Hoover, Katie Thompson, Cairece Allen, Carlee Hoover, Shavonne Brewer, Telis Garcia. Bottom Row: Adriyan Bradford, AmUnique Washington, Harmonee Trice, Sarita Goldsmith, LaShonica Johnson, Courtney Camlin.

Sophomore Team
Top Row: Coach Matt Hoeppner, Alexis Detert, Shamia Clark, Cairece Allen, Coach Janice Watts.
Middle Row: Jasmin Babers, Destiny Hearn, Olivia Brooks, Mystique Thompson.
Bottom Row: Jacklyn Young, Harmonee Trice, Dennicia Hickman, Carly Hoover, Mariah Ramsey.

Freshman Team
Top Row: Coach Courtney Kipp, Dennicia Hickman, Stephanie Rosas, Shamia Clark, Coach Ieasha Jones.
Middle Row: Jazmin Martin, Mystique Thompson, Destiny Hearn, Jasmin Babers.
Bottom Row: Jane Gray, Carly Hoover, Adrianna Morgan, Jacklyn Young, Mariah Ramsey.



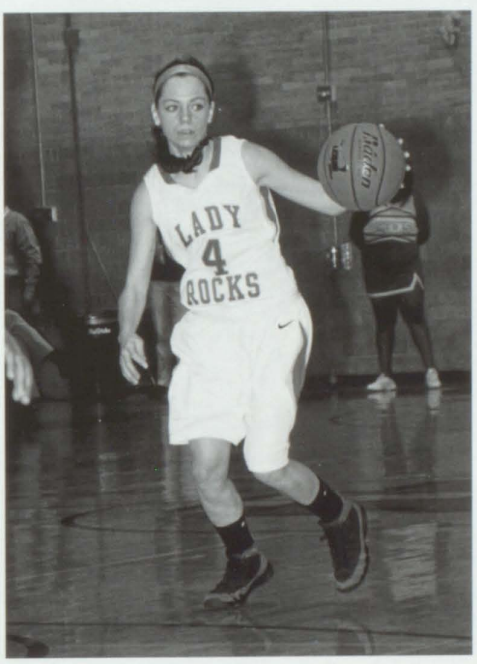
Left: Never divided; united they stand. The Lady Rocks prepare to start the game.

Below: Rayven Morrow battles for the tip off at the start of the game.

Bottom: Telis Garcia puts on her game face.











Top: AmUnique Washington finds United Township's defense no match to her offense as she drives to the basket.

Above Right: Whitney Hoover looks out for oncoming opponents as she makes her way to the hoop.

Above: The Lady Rocks get together before a game in their annual Bloomington Holiday Classic tournament.

"Never too **high**... never too **LOW**."

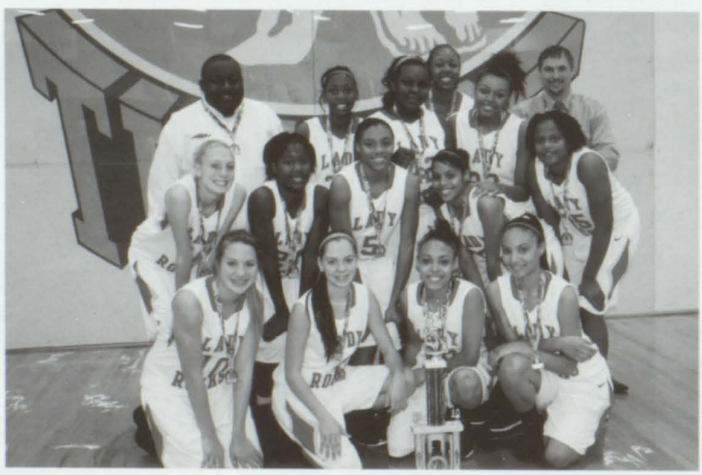
Right: The contested shot doesn't stop Sarita Goldsmith from going up aggressively to score.

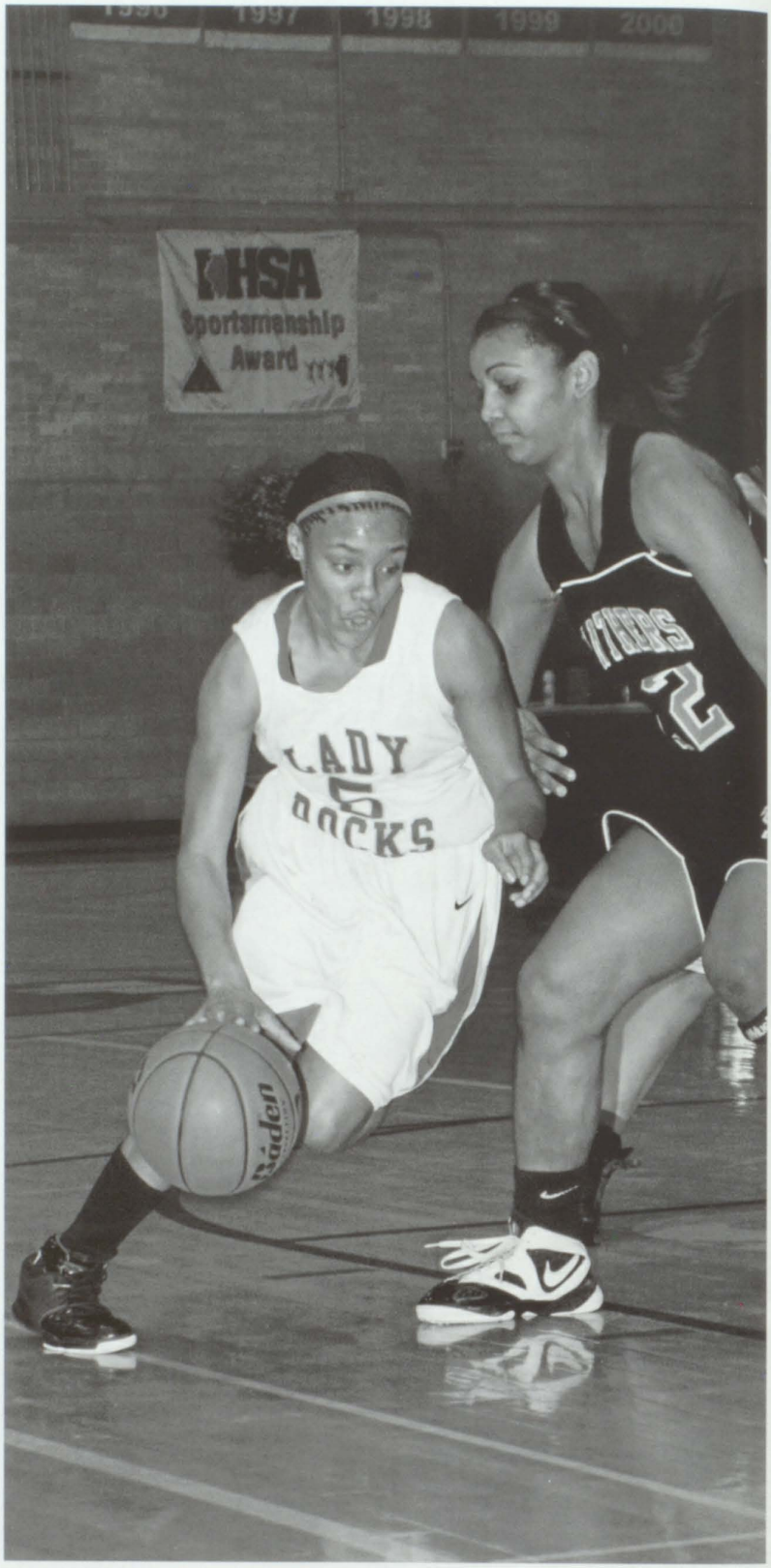
Bottom: Fans come out and support the girls' basketball team by painting up.











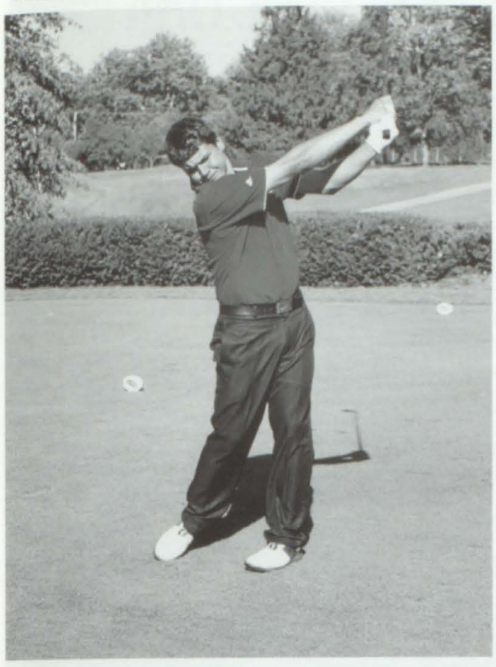
Above: Varsity point guard, Shavonne Brewer drives to the hoop as the Lady Rocks play against their Big 6 rival, United Township.

Middle Left: The Lady Rocks take home some hardware during their holiday tournament.

Above Left: The 2010-11 Lady Rocks went 4-0 and took first in the Math & Science Academy Invite.

Bottom: The initial step, the drive, the beginning of the round. Billy Mosenfelder makes sure his swing will focus his power to bring the golf ball further towards his intended goal.
Bottom Right: For a moment, all attention is focused on one putt. Thomas Knuckey concentrates to bring this round of golf to an end successfully.

Getting Se[RI]ous on the Course!





Golf is a sport where raw talent is hard to come by, so for most players, hard work is the key. The 2010 Boys' Golf Team proved no exception to this. During the past season, the team focused on hard work to achieve their success.

"Every player worked hard in the off-season, so their success wasn't a surprise," said Assistant Coach Craig Sharp. With every player coming into the season prepared, it brought a higher starting point. This higher starting point meant that the golf team went above and beyond last year's record.

Junior Billy Mosenfelder became a standout for the team by making it to State. Assistant Coach Sharp was very enthusiastic about Billy and the potential success he could attain in his future years of high school golf. "Next year, Mosenfelder will be something special," said Sharp.

Billy commented on his success, stating, "I didn't think I worked any harder on this off-season, but I know I concentrated on technique more than anything."

Golf, just like every other activity, requires practice, hard work, and dedication. With their success through hard work this year, they have set the standard for future teams.



Front Left to Right: Alec Aunan, Aaron Long, Sean Wolking, A.J. Clay, Austin Perez, Ryan Newman, Anthony Rangel
Middle Left to Right: Reece Argo, Grant Myers, Jacob Walker, Andy Pearson, Billy Mosenfelder, Luke Smith, Thomas Knuckey, Lindsey Sutter
Back Left to Right: Asst. Coach Craig Sharp, Jordan Turnbull, Tyler Pearson, Nick Lincoln, Cameron Ruiz, Joseph Johnson, Head Coach Justin Stotts



Above: With his focus on the golf ball, Cameron Ruiz swings the club with intensity to get the farthest drive.
Far Left: To sink the putt, Nick Lincoln has to judge the curve of the turf, the speed of the putt needed, and the precise direction he must aim.
Left: Tyler Pearson concentrates on his shot during a home meet.





WE'RE ALL [RI]GHT, BREATHING ISN'T NECESSARY.

-We are Swimmers-

To get swimming, the ingredients needed are water, determination, commitment, strength, a good sense of humor, and courage. Courage is needed to help an individual go a little bit faster, hold their breath a little bit longer, and to grow a little bit stronger. Devin, Charles, and Reed brought the humor to the team. Being the team captains, their roles were necessary in leading the team to plow through the season.

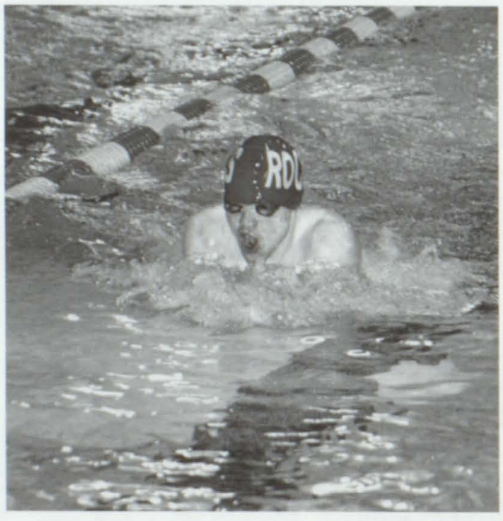
Swimming for the Rock Island team, this year, began with a rocky start. The Rock Island pool had to be completely drained, so the bottom grate could be changed, due to new regulations. They began their season at Augustana College's pool. "Rocky's pool is better. I prefer the water temperature, it's cooler," said Nick Ponsetto. Other swimmers also enjoyed the home pool better for other reasons. "I like Rocky's pool because there is more space and less is going on. I can focus more," said Marcelious Wyatt.

Soon, the team was back in their home pool, and back to what they knew best. The team made sure that there was time left to enjoy being a part of the swim team. Towards the end of the season, the boys dyed and cut their hair. They didn't get regular haircuts, however. "We did crazy things to our hair," said Marcelious Wyatt. There were styles from reverse mohawks, to specialized designs, to cuts similar to a clown. They even bleached all of their hair. Right before Sectionals, they shaved all of their hair off. It's a tradition that has occurred every year on the team, passed down from swimmer to swimmer.

At the end of the season, they looked back at what they accomplished. "It was good exercise," Nick Ponsetto said with a grin. "I'm glad I joined the team," said first year swimmer Marcelious Wyatt. The new swimmers of this year will bring new talent to the team of next year. Talent which will help the team soar further than in years before. What will stay the same will be the tradition, and what it takes to be a Rock Island swimmer.



Right: Jake Lardner sprints to the wall during an intense race at Rocky's home pool.



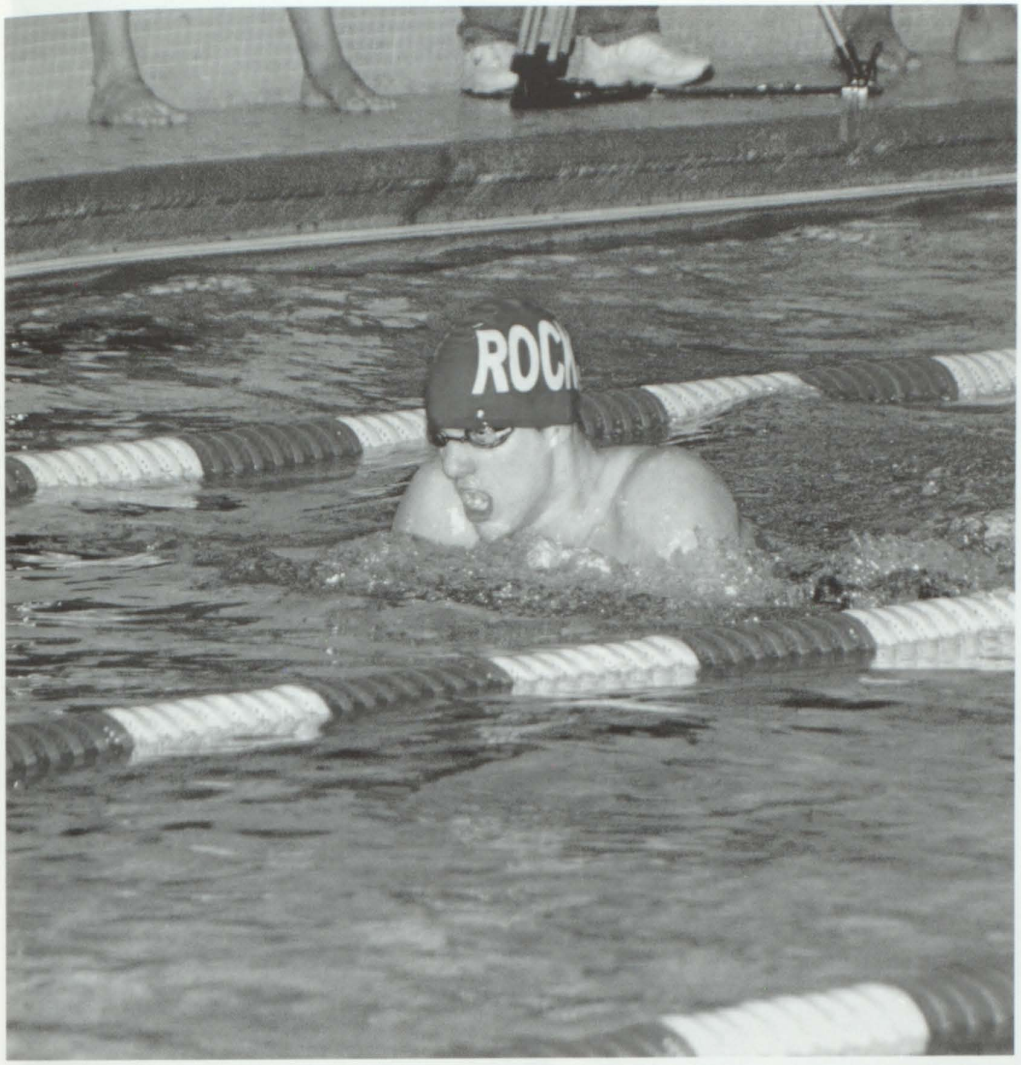
Above: Nick Ponsetto focuses on keeping his head down while swimming the 100 Breaststroke.



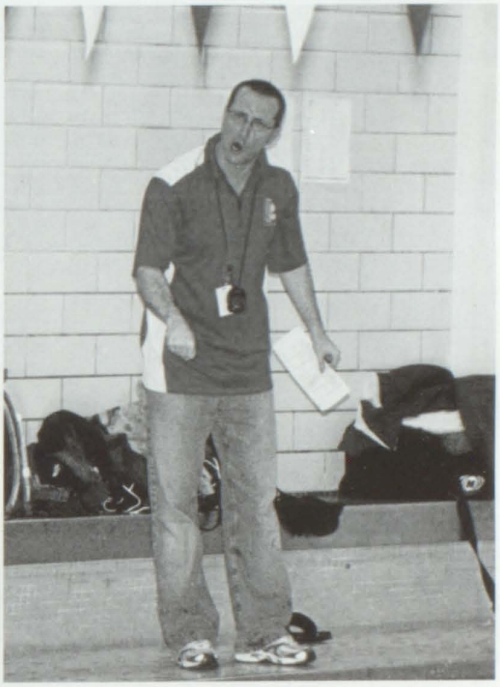
Back Row: Head Coach Bob Calegan, Chris Hummel, Nick Ponsetto, Devin Rochelle, Joseph Schultz, Assistant Coach Venessa Taylor

Middle Row: Daniel Rodriguez, Charles Holliday, Reed Duyvejonck, Zavier Clark, Devin Radloff

Front Row: Steven Nowinski, Garett Harms, Jake Lardner, Jordan Mewes



Left: Senior Reed Duyvejonck takes a breath while swimming his favorite stroke, breaststroke.



Above: Keeping the spirit going, Varsity coach, Bob Calegan, encourages the swimmers to stay motivated.

Left: Junior Charles Holliday stops to talk to Varsity coach, Bob Calegan, before getting ready for his race at a home swimming meet.





Left: Daniel Rodriguez grabs a quick breath while swimming butterfly during a Rocky home swim meet.

Chlo[RI]ne

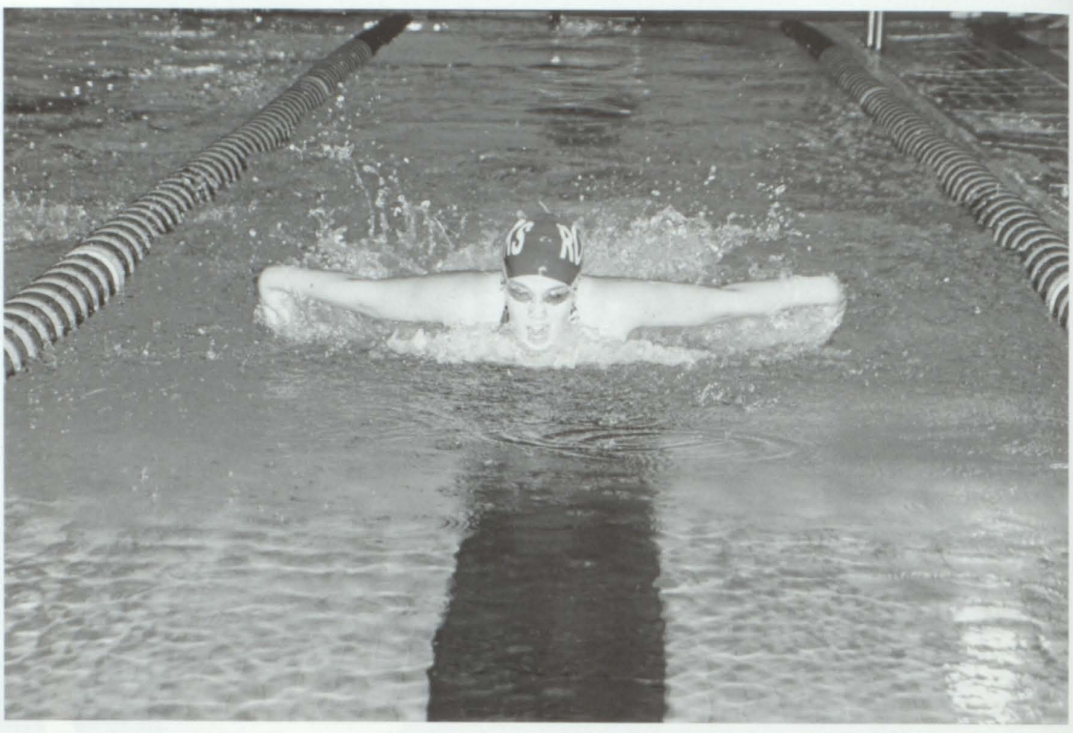
**We are born on land,
but we live in water.**

Right: Team bonding counts the most in the pool. Even with all of the long and strenuous swim practices, anything can be overcome by a little help from some friends.

Below: A quick breath is grasped by Courtney Kernan as she gives it her all during the 100 Butterfly. Every skipped breath and every stroke leads her even closer to the win.









Top: Prepping for the backstroke, Elizabeth Donner mentally psyches herself up at the blocks.
Below: Cheering is a full time job for the other swimmers. Each swimmer has her own team full of motivational speakers.

Right: This team is made up of short and tall, big and small, but each person makes the team who it is- every person belongs as a swimmer.
Far Right: High fives are shared in between the dueling teams as an after-meet ritual.The "good job" message is shared, and turns into "gud jib" or "guggab" at the end, but every single rendition of this phrase leads to a better team, better sportsmanship, and a better year.





Seniors-

"The meaning and power of being a senior, the top dog, the leader- it's more than a title, it's a job. To keep the team in line, to psyche people up, to keep motives high, and the happiness up. Being a leader when the coach isn't there, keeping the team together, through all the regular tear. They left their mark through all the times. To hand it off, to the ones of younger minds. Now here stands the very last word, of each girl, each senior, who needs to be heard."



Maribeth Hartmann

"I won't miss the 6AM practices, the intense swims, or the constant aroma of chlorine, but I will miss my team; my second family. The memories. The laughs. The love."



Becca Hull

"In matters of style, swim with the current. In matters of principle, stand like a rock."



Linnea Gardner

"I swear to Bob."



Girls' Swimming

Top Ten, er, Eleven Reasons Why Swimming Is Spectacular

11. "Because not every team would crazily dye their hair and wear Christmas sweaters to school." -Rosalie Starenko
10. "Because I'm about to catch an attitude." -T.J. Hanes
9. "Because it's all about taking the water and making it your... friend." -Linnea Lardner
8. "Because it's a good workout." -Elizabeth Donner
7. "Because I can be me and have everyone laugh and be okay with that. FOR NARNIA!!" -Maribeth Hartmann
6. "Because I can blame everything on T.J." -Brianna Smith
5. "Because it's all I know." -Maggie Pappas
4. "Because of the people." -Marissa Lopez
3. "Because only certain people are willing to sacrifice the time and effort." -Alexis Stone
2. "Because IM doesn't mean instant messaging." -Courtney Kernan
1. "Because I might get thrown overboard and chased by a shark. It'll help me." -Becca Hull

Team stats:

Coach: Bob Calegan
Assistant Coach: Venessa Taylor
Team Captains; Rosalie Starenko and Linnea Lardner
Team Manager: Jake Lardner
Practice Times: 6am-7:15am, 3:30pm-5:30pm
Team Mascot: A dolphin
Team Traditions: Kissing the dolphin before meets, not shaving, senior pep talks before meets



Left: Becca Hull and Maggie Pappas enthusiastically greet each other as they have a quick chat in between races.



Back Row: Coach Bob Calegan, Elizabeth Donner, Alexis Stone, Manager Jake Lardner, T.J. Hanes, Marissa Lopez, Assistant Coach Venessa Taylor
Middle Row: Brianna Smith, Linnea Lardner, Rosalie Starenko, Becca Hull, Maggie Pappas
Front Row: Maribeth Hartmann, Courtney Kernan



"Tough times never last, but tough people do."

Rosalie Starenko



"I didn't join the high school team until my senior year. I'm glad I decided to join. Now, I don't have anything to regret."

Alexis Stone



"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

Coach Bob Calegan



"Take time to plan or plan to not have enough time."

Asst. Coach Venessa Taylor

A Return to State...
Familiar Ter[RI]tory

The Rock Island Boys' Track Team continued their long tradition of excellence during the 2010 season. The team was led by senior, Jerraco Johnson. Johnson competed in the sprints and hurdles, and was a State Finalist in the 4 x 100, 110 high hurdles, and the 300 hurdles.

The team's goals for the season were to "place as high as possible in Conference and qualify as many as possible for State," explained Coach Lillis. The Rocks placed second in the Big Six and qualified for State in three individual events, as well as relays. Devontea Young, Chris Glover, Derrick Ellis, and Jerraco Johnson ended their season as State Finalists.

Besides the State Finalists, Lillis commented on the team's improvement over the season. Lillis noted that Eric Ikundiro, Aaron Aarington, Trae Nichols, and Travontae Williams improved greatly during the season.

The Rocks' legacy of having a winning program was showcased during the annual Rock Island Invitational. "Our R.I. Invite is always a highlight. This year we commemorated our five State trophies. Three firsts in 1961, 1989, and 1994. Two seconds in 1984 and 2003," Lillis explained.

Below: Trae Nichols gets ready to compete in the shot put during a home meet.





Above Right: Jerraco Johnson is in a close competition during the high hurdles.



Above: Dominic Leone leads the pack, with Eric Ikundiro and Cameron Leiby right behind him during a long distance race at a home meet.



Right: Javon Harris competes at the high jump during a home meet.



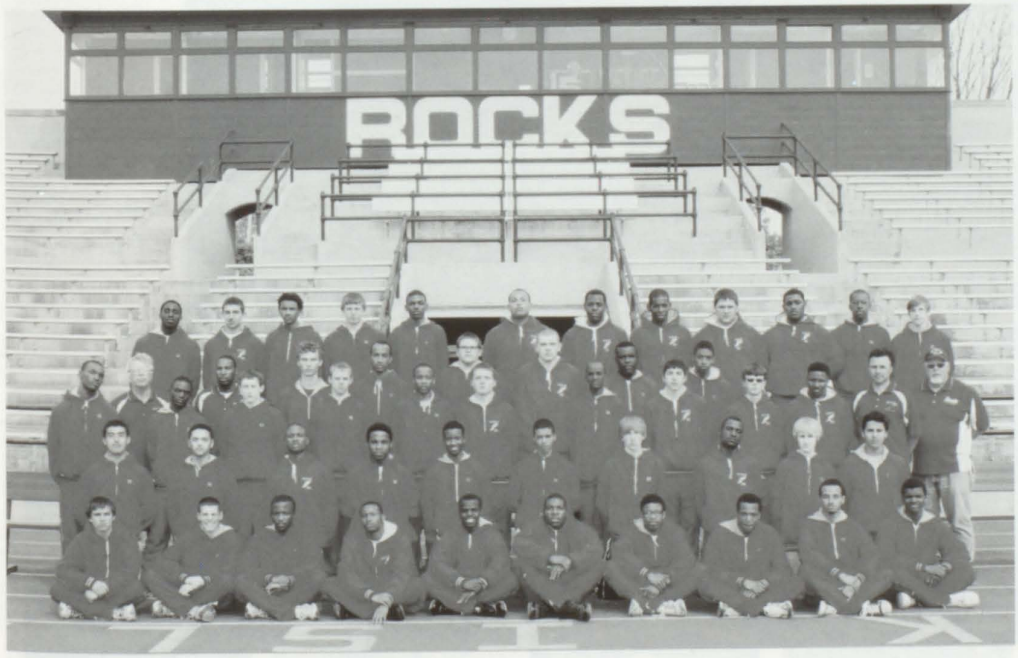
Left: Derrick Ellis competes in the long jump during a home meet.

Below: Devantea Young and Chris Glover finish strong, beating United Township's runners at a home meet.

Bottom: Lucas Rusk scores points for his team in the pole vault.



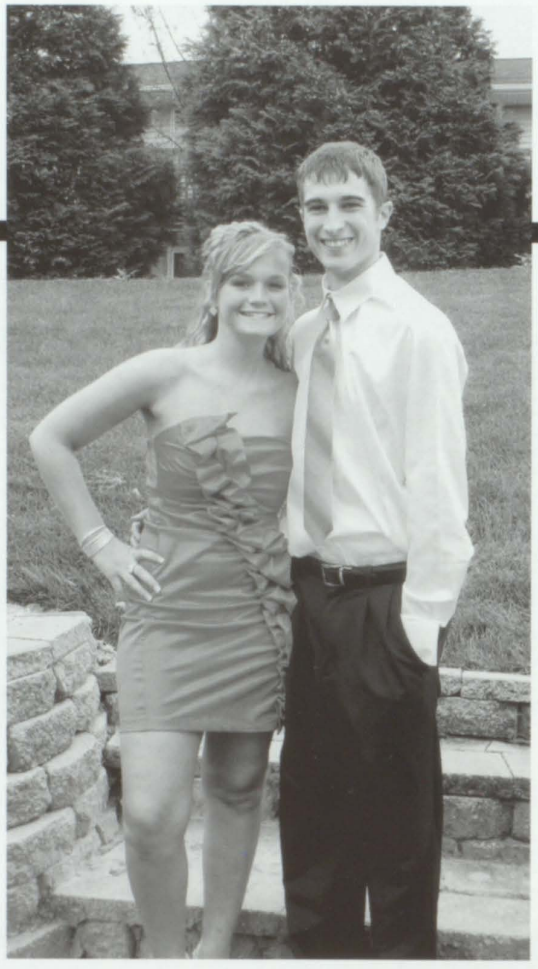




Left: The 2010 Boys' Track Team







Top: The Vic's Clique and the Vic's Chicks show their Rocky Pride at the Homecoming Game in their classy attire.
Above: Senior Marching Band members Mackenzie Heriford, Sarah McKay, Mariah Benson, Anna Pienta, and Jessica Bacon show their friendship on and off the field.
Right: Senior Homecoming dates Morgan Canfield and Devin Goebal show their excitement for the dance.

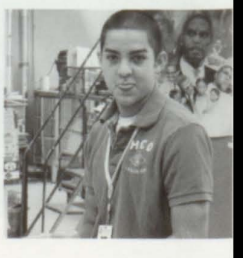












Senio[RI]tis -

The crazy realization that it's your senior year.



Seniors Emma Reeder, Kayla Bennett, Brittany Herbert, Amber Collins, and Shelbi Schmidt show their senior pride during Class Color Day of Homecoming Week.

After 4 long years of waiting, the time has come for senior year! You're finally top dog. You've dealt with being the ente[RI]ng freshman, the d[RI]ven sophomore, and the endu[RI]ng junior. Now, it's your time to shine.

There are so many things to look forward to your senior year- the F[RI]day night football games, Homecoming Week, and senior prom. Senior year may be your easiest or hardest academically, but it is definitely the most fun.

However, many seniors seem to be struck with senio[RI]tis. For those of you who are lucky enough to escape the bug, or if you aren't familiar with the affliction, senio[RI]tis is a mindset that tells the senior girls that dressing cute is no longer a p[RI]ority and causes the senior boys to take a few more naps in class. Senior Shelbi Schmidt explains that senio[RI]tis makes her "lazy." You can tell senio[RI]tis has hit when you see the majo[RI]ty of senior girls in sweat pants and hoodies, rather than jeggings and Hollister shirts.

Despite the tough hold senio[RI]tis has on seniors, there are many ways to cure senio[RI]tis. Taking part in activities like football games, participating in Homecoming Week, and being in clubs are just some of the ways to overcome the "disease". High school sports and activities make a lot of students want to be at school. Senior Sara Allen explains, "I would have graduated early if it wasn't for soccer." Being a part of extra-cur[RI]cular activities make seniors think about the fun parts of high school, not just filling out college applications and doing homework.

Another cure to senio[RI]tis is graduating early. This year there are 40+ seniors graduating early. Some seniors, like Darcy Hankins and Shelbi Schmidt, are graduating early to get a head start on college.

Most seniors will agree that the goal of their senior year is graduating. Senior Michelle Larson says, "Graduating is definitely the highlight of my senior year." Whether you plan on a four-year university, an apprenticeship, or the military, enjoy your senior year, and do everything you want to do because it will be over before you know it.

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Leesha Ague
Matthew Ajishegiri
Anjelle Aldridge
Cecelia Allen
Sara Allen



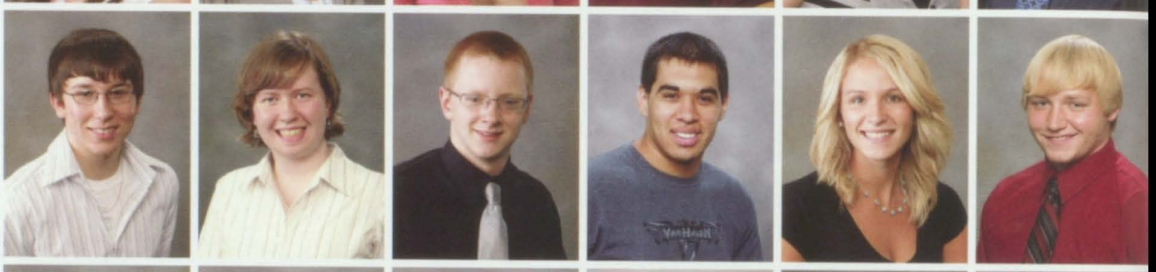
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Mariah Benson
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Andrea Blanco
Enio Blanco



Brian Bocskovits
Catherine Booker
Micheal Bradley
Dane Brandmeyer
Kasey Brent
Joshua Bries



Derek Brock
Dylan Brock
Thurgood Brooks
Arieo Burrage
Hope Bushnell
Karissa Caballero



Getting to know Keith Keesy



Keith Keesy, Senior.

1. If you saw your house on fire, and could only save one thing, what would you save?
Keith: *My family.*
2. What is your most used nickname?
Keith: *TJ*
3. If you were going to be on a deserted island for an entire year, what would you take with you?
Keith: *Food and water.*
4.Out of any TV show, which show would you like to appear on?
Keith: *Chelsea Lately.*
5. If you had to give up your hearing, eyesight, or your ability to move, which would it be?
Keith: *My eyesight, because I could still hear what's going on.*



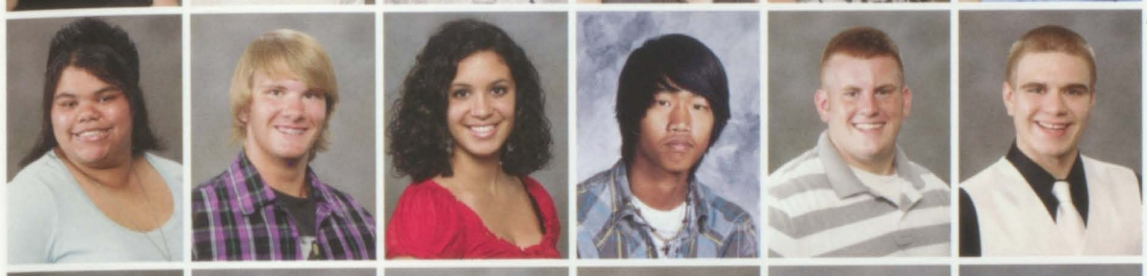




Courtney Camlin
Morgan Canfield
Josue Caraballo
Andrew Carr
Kyle Carstens
Nesha Carter-Douglas



Mariah Chapdelaine
Timothy Clark
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Briana Coon
Jasmine Crider



Summer Cunningham
Joseph Curtiss
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Jacob Davis
Michael Davis



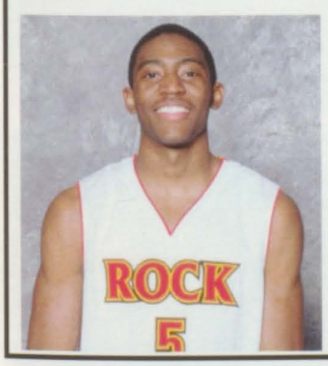
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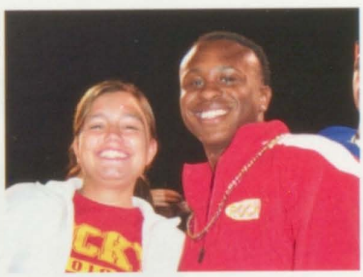
What was your SECRET HIDEOUT when you were little?

"I hid under a stairwell. Sometimes I hid from people. Sometimes I slept. Sometimes I just sat there and thought. I thought about, well, it was my thinking spot."
Chasson Randle



"My coat closet is where I hid. My brother and I would sit in there and giggle. There was this little light with a string that lit up the space. As you moved past the coats and Christmas wrappings, there was a little spot where you could sit."
Rosalie Starenko













Kasandra Elliott
Austin Elsey
Christopher Emmert
Anwar Euring II
Ngendahorui Fabiola
Shellby Farmer



Oscar Figueroa
Jeffery Fisher
Wesley Foster
Asti Fowler
Katherine Frain
Austin Fullington



Daniela Garcia
Shante Gatheright
Bianca Gay
Denzel Gay
Diedra Genz
Christoper Giles



Shawn Gillespie
Ronald Gordon
Nathan Gray
Lupita Guadalupe
Tabitha Hall
Darcy Hankins



Roberta Hare
Ellen Harker
Alexia Harris
Andrew Harris
Larry Harris
Maribeth Hartmann



A Night Under the Stars









Breshawn Hawthorne
Victoria Heimann
Edward Heimbeck
Brittany Herbert
Mackenzie Heriford
Wade Hermann



Chelsea Herrera
Asia Herrod
Terriona Hickman
Arionie Hildreth
Jennifer Hill
Whitney Hoover



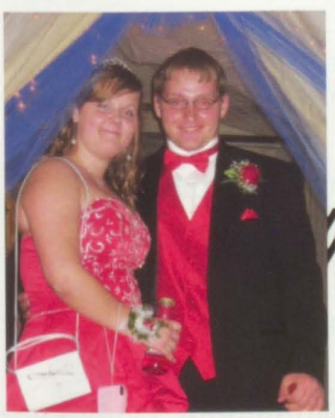
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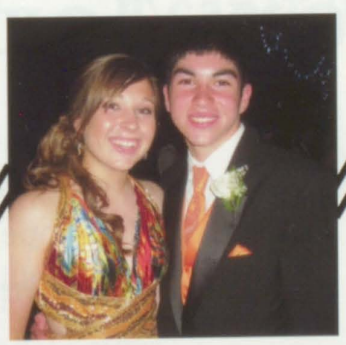


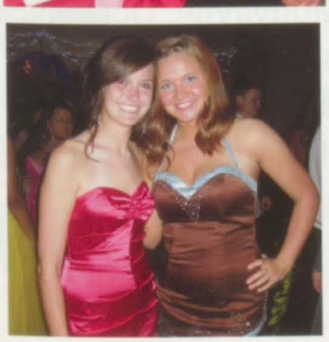
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Austin Jones
Devon Jones
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Keith Keesy
Judah Kennedy
Linnea Lardner
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Nicholas Lee
Cameron Leiby









Prom 2010

Dominic Leone
Brian Leslie
Randy Libby
D'Anthony Logan
Kayla Logan
Marissa Loggins



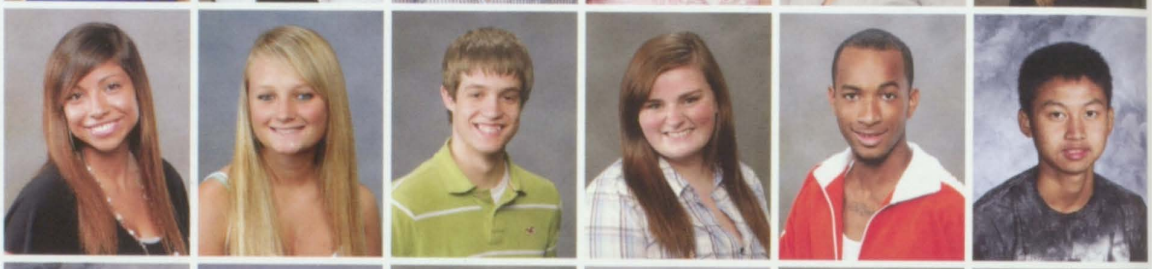
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Allison Mann



Meriah Marshanke
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Karrie McDonald
Sarah McKay



Jessica Medina
Ashley Mewes
Christopher Miedema
Ellen Moller
Arius Montjoy
Friday Moo



SerThaYu Moo
Amber Moore
Breanna Morris
Royce Muskeyvalley
Anna Nash
Kathryn Nesseler



Too Close For Comfort



Dane Brandmeyer - Drums
Andrew Carr - Lead Guitar
Ian Lopez - Bass
Tony Phillis - Vocals

- Influences: Metallica, Mudvayne, Godsmack
- Genre: thrash metal, nu-metal
- Covered "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana at the 2010 Variety Show
- Together for two years



Cody Petersen
Michael Phillips
Anna Pienta
Chelsea Poe
David Price
Tracy Rade



Chasson Randle
Kelsey Ray
Dionna Reed
Travis Reed
Emma Reeder
Amanda Renner



Rachel Renner
Matthew Rhoads
Christina Roberts
Jessica Rodgers
Taylor Ross
Cameron Ruiz



Megan Saller
Tabitha Sayers
Austin Schaecher
Trudy Schanfish
Shelbi Schmidt
Zachary Schuldt



Moriah Shivers
Jordan Shreffler
Devin Sierra
Samantha Sivill
Ashley Skinner-Miller
Mykel Smith

I can't live without...

"Food!"
Kayla Babers

"I couldn't live without tanning."
Halli Tobin

"My phone!"
Christina Roberts

"My computer."
Alexia Harris

"Money, because I need it!"
Joy Jackson

"My wild Fresia Lady Speed Stick deodorant. It's my signature smell."
Kasey Brent

Sharde' Smith
Chelsea Speak
Radiance Springfield
Travis Staes
Rosalie Starenko
Titania Steward



Kayla Stiles
Alexis Stone
Ryan Stougard
Shelby Stougard
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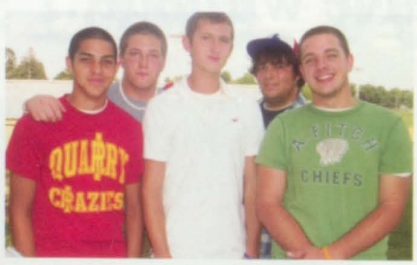
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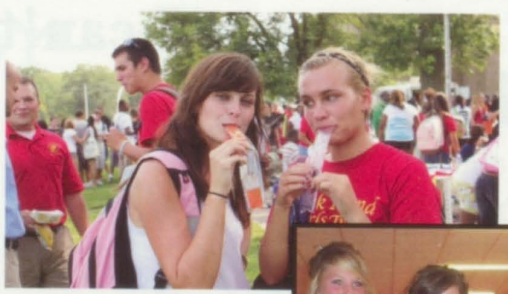


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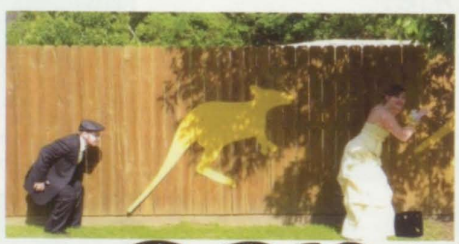


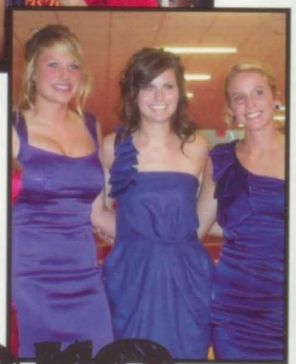












seniors



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Brooke Williams
Derrick Williams
Kaitlyn Williams
Travontae William

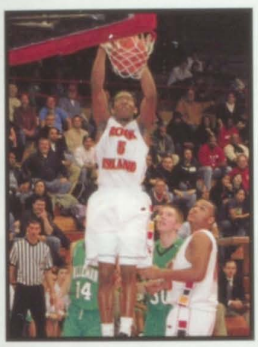


Robert Wilson
Steven Wilson
Kayla Winfree

What It Takes To Live Your Dreams

Most high school athletes dream of being the best on the team, getting recruited by colleges, and everyone knowing their names. For Rocky senior, Chasson Randle, being a superstar is a reality. Chasson is a four year starting guard on the varsity basketball team at Rocky. He is also a guard for the USA 17U team. He has traveled all over the world to Lithuania, Argentina, and Germany to play. Chasson has had experiences through basketball that most people never have.

Chasson is not only the standout athlete at Rocky, but he is also number one in his class. According to Chasson, being on top of his game in the classroom and on the court is no easy task. He explains, "I stay focused and do my best with everything I touch." He also says, "a lot of time and hard work" go into his success on the court.



Chasson's dedication to basketball has been an inspiration to others. Ten year teammate, Keith Keesy, explains the lessons he has learned from playing with Chasson. "He improves your game. It is a whole different atmosphere," Keesy explains. Keesy also says that Chasson inspires the rest of the team, stating,"Everyone tries to play as well as he does. He is the hardest worker on the team." Leadership like this is hard to find. Assistant Coach, Mr. Veasey, also agreed with Keesy, explaining how Chasson, "sets high standards" for the rest of the team. He explains, "He is wise beyond his years. He understands the game."

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that Chasson is going to be a star player in college. Making it to the NBA is and has always been a dream for Chasson. He explains, "I would be happy on any team, but I am a big Lakers fan and you can quote me on that."

Chasson Randle's dedication to success and continual hard work is a model for any student to follow. He explains his commitment to improvement, stating, "If you're not playing to get to the next level, there's not a point in playing." Chasson continues to prove that regardless of the challenge, whether it's academic or athletic, the "next level" is always attainable through a great amount of determination and a willingness to work.

The Memories that built Us.



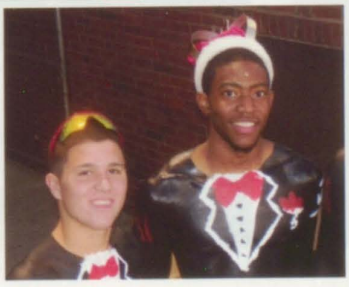


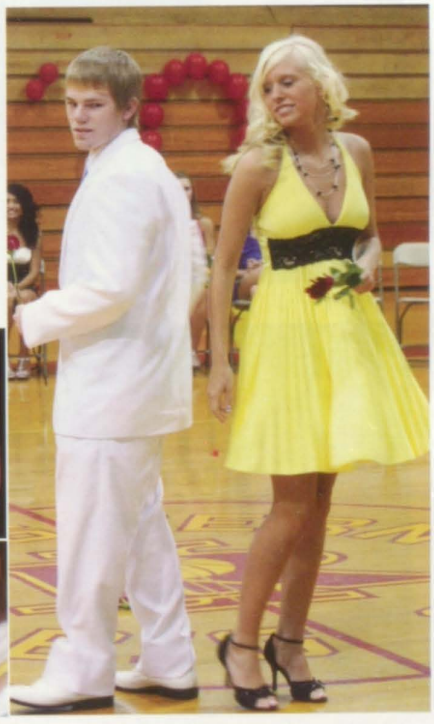




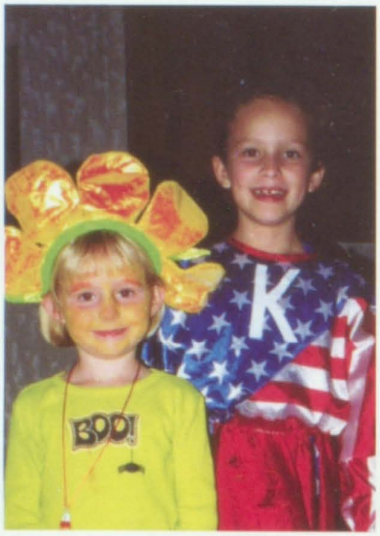








A Blast from the Past!















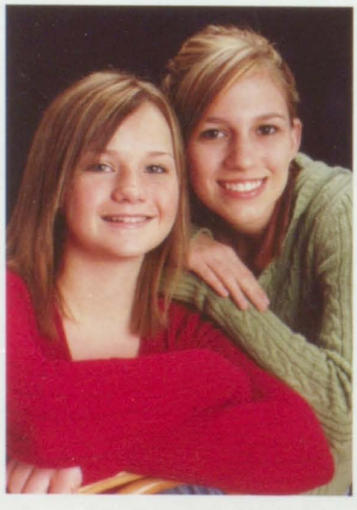




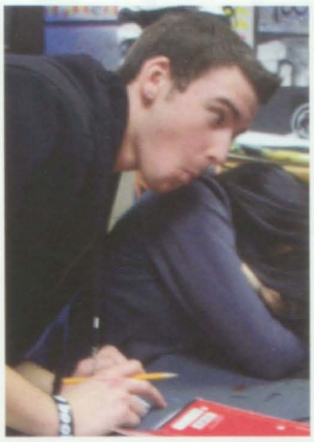






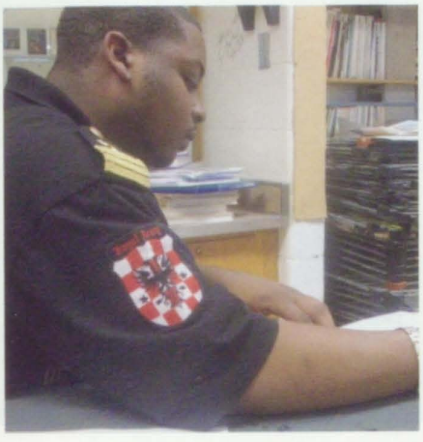












advice from the seniors



"A little bit of effort goes a long way."
Anabel Alva

"It's your Senior year, live it up!"
Brittany Tunnell

"ENJOY HIGH SCHOOL AND STRIVE FOR SUCCESS."
TAUREAN ROGERS

"Make great memories and enjoy the little things."
Ben Mason

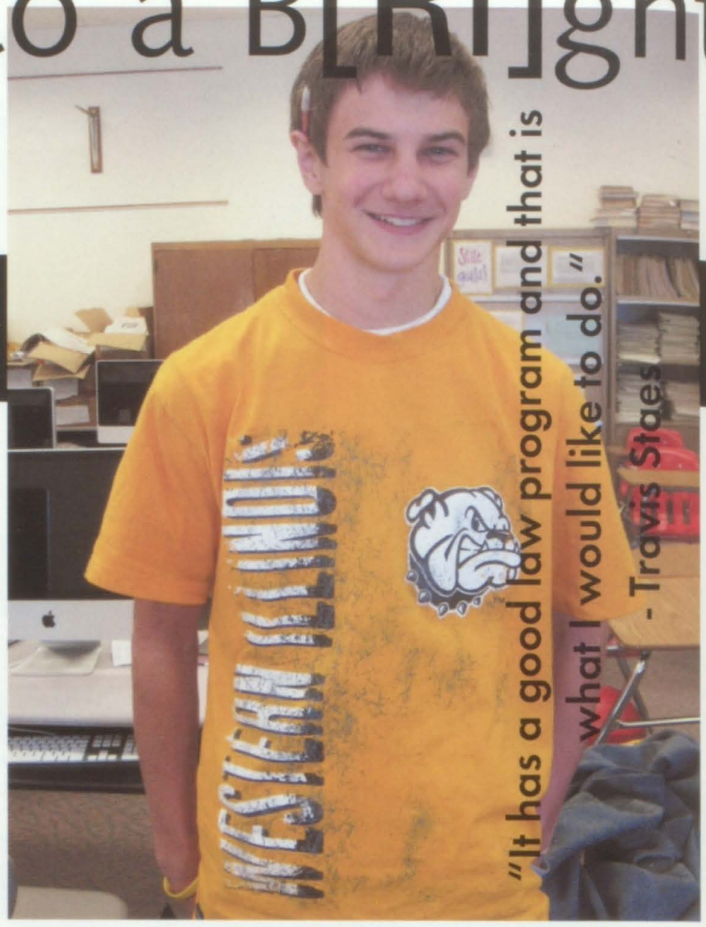
"Take a lot of pictures. The year goes by really fast."
Jennifer Hill

"Be open minded."
Brittney Jackson

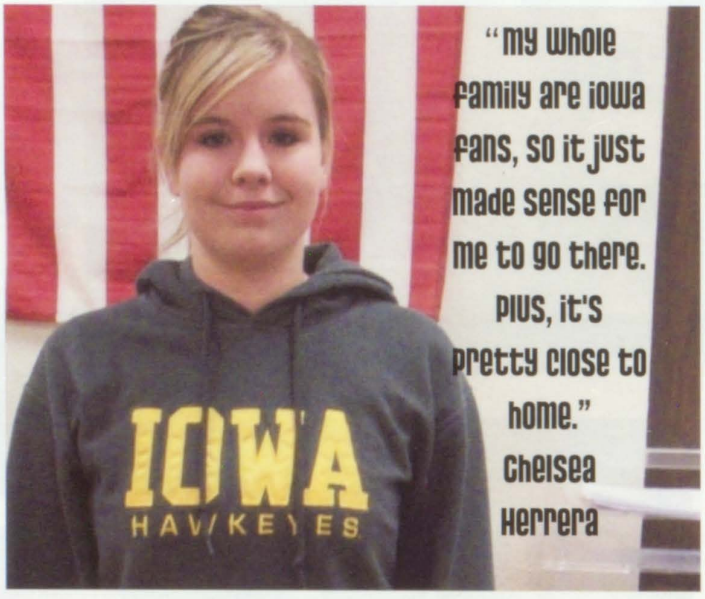
Moving on to a B[RI]ght



"They have the program for my major. I've visited 5 times and fell in love with it more and more each time!"
- Mariah Benson



"It has a good law program and that is what I would like to do."
- Travis Stages



"my whole family are iowa fans, so it just made sense for me to go there. plus, it's pretty close to home."
Chelsea Herrera

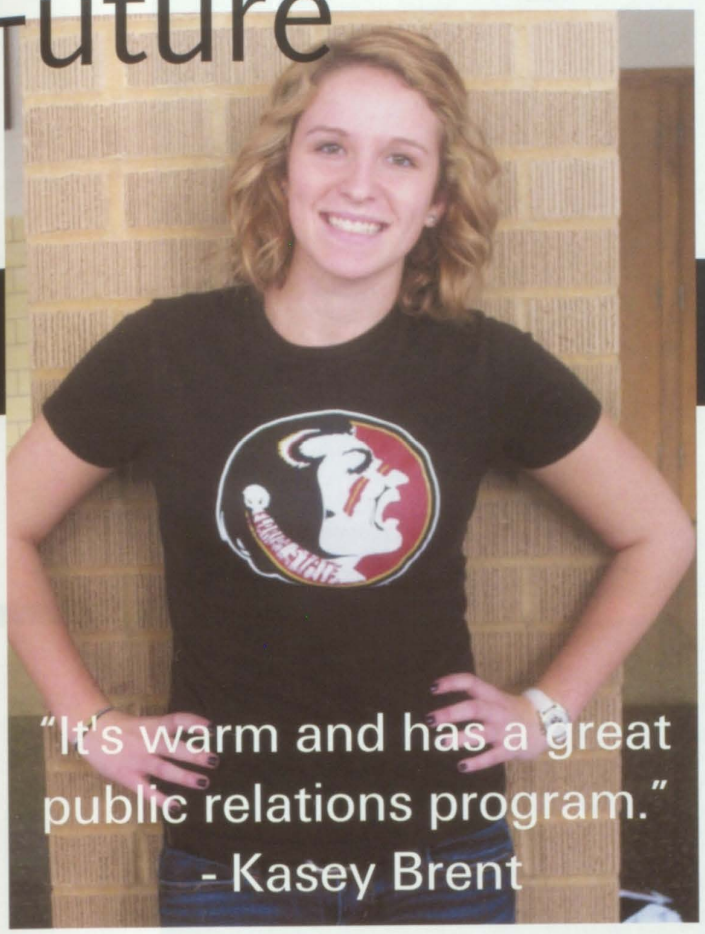


"The warm weather and the large campus are ideal for any college student."
Courtney Camlin



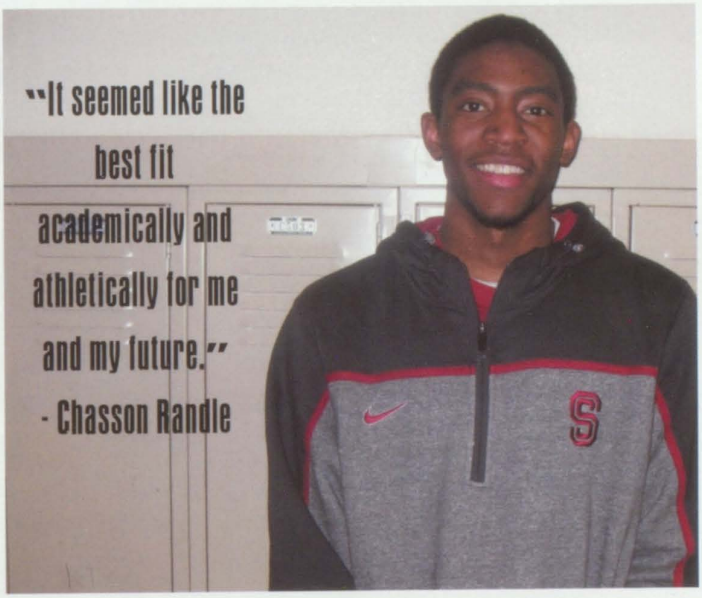
"It is a great school and so close to home."
- Katlyn MacDonald

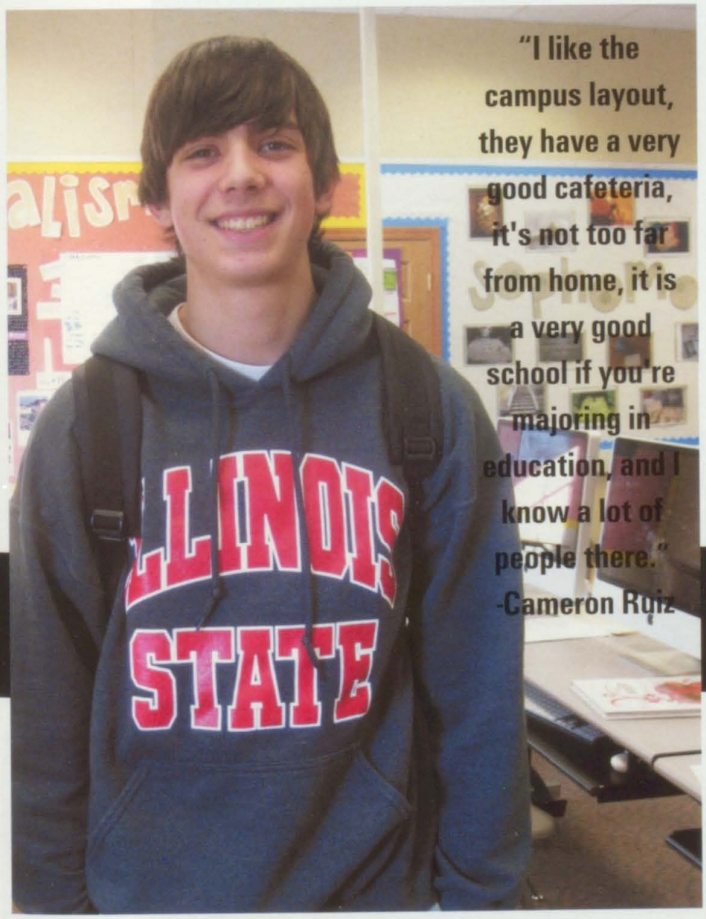
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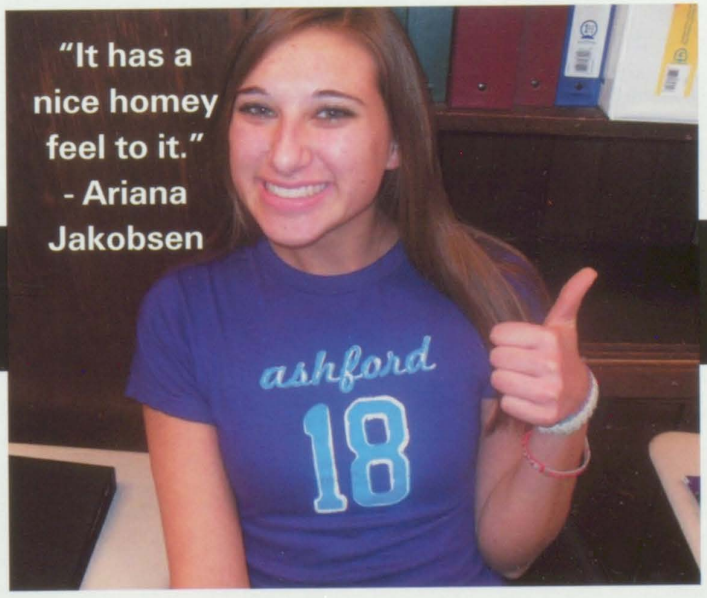


"It's warm and has a great public relations program."
- Kasey Brent









Rocky Seniors explain their college choices.



Endu[RI]ng

Preparing for the ACT and planning for college can be very stressful during Junior year, but students still make it through.

It is your first year as an upperclassman. As a junior, you have new p[RI]vileges at the school. Junior year is your first year that you can purchase prom tickets. You are able to park in the main parking lot. It is also the year you st[RI]ve to do well on the ACT.

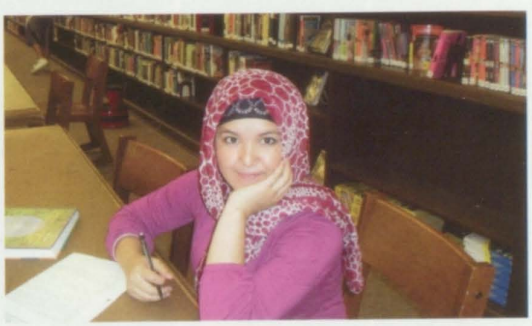
It becomes your chance to expe[RI]ence new classes that you could not before - classes like Anatomy, Computer Science, Journalism, and maybe even the third year of a foreign language. With seven pe[RI]ods, it is easy to fit these new classes in.

The ACT is one of the biggest tests during a high school career. The ACT is a standardized test that shows your high school achievement and serves as a college admission test. Teachers have been preparing you for this test since freshman year and encouraging you to study throughout the year. Donavan Vasquez states, "If you study hard and really try to pay attention in all your classes, that should help you."

In school, it is important to st[RI]ve and do your best. As a junior, it is especially important to do just that. Junior year is truly a glo[RI]ous year. By your junior year, you have found your spot. Sam Cram explains, "Before you didn't have your place. Now, as a junior, you know what you can and can't do, and who to hang out with." As a junior, new expe[RI]ences and new opportunites make for a ter[RI]fic year.







Left: Junior girls, Lindsey Schroeder and Celeste Arteaga, show their pride during Tailgating.

Top: The Juniors show their pride during the Powder Puff game.

Bottom: While in the library, Nasiba Taimuri studies for her classes.











Alex Agbayani
Garry Allbritton
Hay Soe Aller
Armando Almanza
Rachel Almquist
Joseph Alongi
Darius Anderson



Myah Anderson
Tayler Anderson
Teigan Andrews
Ndoricimpa Angelina
Selicia Applegate
Dani Argo
Reece Argo



Celeste Arteaga
Victoria Averette
La'Miracle Baker
Brieanna Barnes
Christopher Barrera
Taylor Bartholomew
Arazi Bashaw



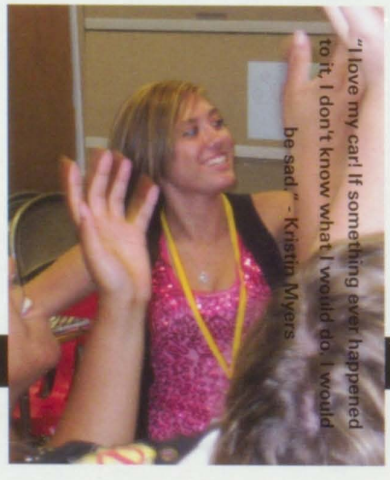
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Dylaan Bibbs
Alyssa Biswell
Wyatt Blacker
Amber Bognar



Colton Boyd
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Elijah Brose
Htoo Ka Paw Brown
Morgan Brown
Elizabeth Bucumi



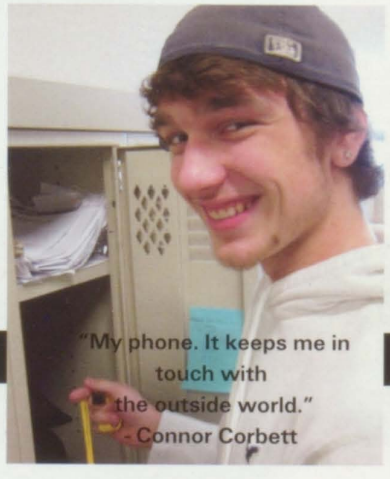
P[RI]celess -
the things you can't live without



"I love my car! If something ever happened to it, I don't know what I would do. I would be sad." - Kristin Myers



"My iPod because I love music." Teigan Andrews



"My phone. It keeps me in touch with the outside world." - Connor Corbett



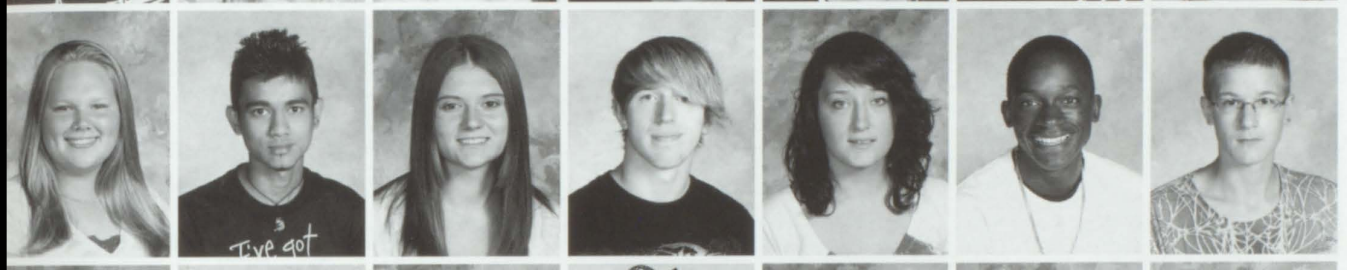
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Alyssa Caviola
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Zavier Clark
Ngendahoruri Clemence
Kiah Clements
Kira Clements
Simone Collins



Kylee Colvin
Tiffany Comstock
Joanna Cone
Daysha Conroy Richardson
Aryal Constantino
Connor Corbett
Catlyn Cox



Samantha Cram
Devi Dahal
Troyann Dail
Austin Davis
Cassie Davis
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Philip DeLaRosa
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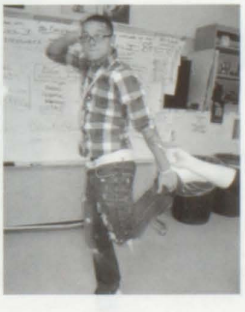
"Someone who is a good person, but does stupid things."
- Miranda Johnson

"A person who makes mistakes and doesn't learn from them."
- Edgar Marceleno

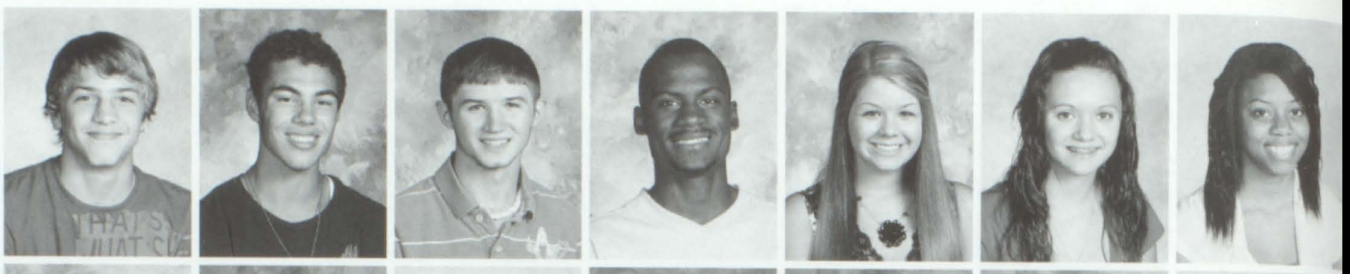
"What Mr. Mason calls us."
- Jillian Jespersen







Blake Ebert
Shawn Eggers
Jonathan Elliott
Derrick Ellis
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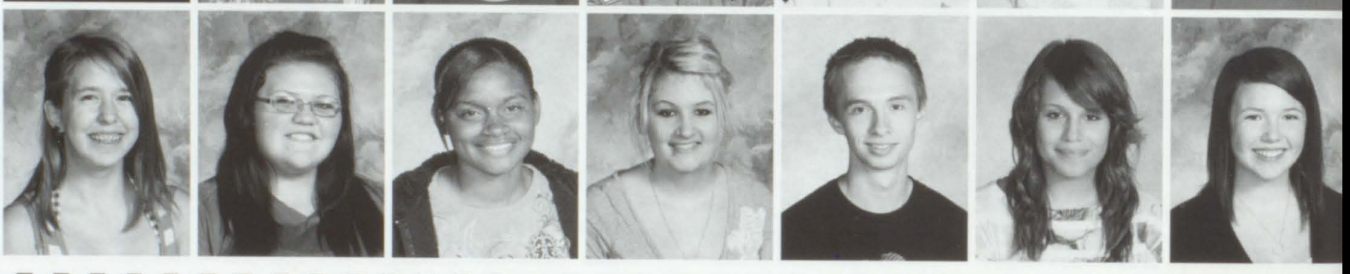
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Blazer Griese
Dustin Griffin
Caitlin Hagerty
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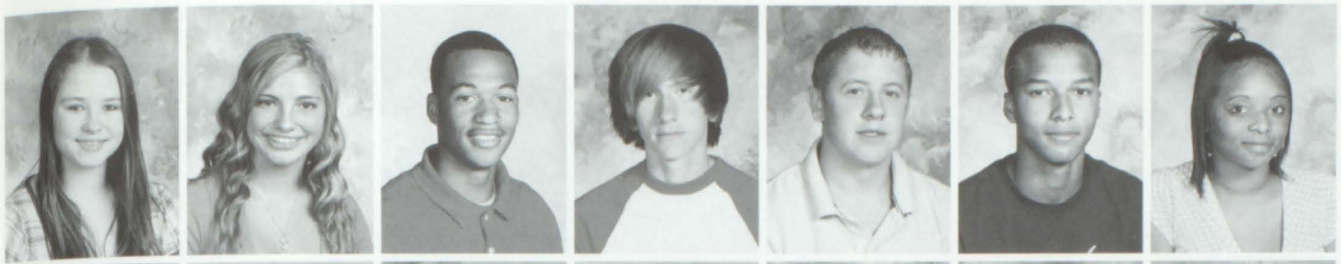




The Life of a Junior







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Katie Helmers
Darius Henderson
Ethen Henderson
Jesse Hollett
Charles Holliday
Cashreall Holt



Ashlyn Hornback
Hsa Hsi Hser
P Leh Htoo
Taelor Hufford
Victoria Huizar-Fuller
Kevin Hunter
Jessica Israel



Jasmine Jack
Jalea Jackson
Summer Jackson
Ashley Jacobs
Caitlyn Jacobs
Shaquille Jalloh
Wade Jensen



Ashley Jensen-Anderson
Jillian Jespersen
Ebonie Johnson
Jazmine Johnson
Joseph Johnson
Miranda Johnson
Tori Johnston



Ardel Jones
C'Aniye Jones
Leontina Kadriu
Haley Kaiser
Mia Kavensky
Kyle Kennedy
Kyle Kerres











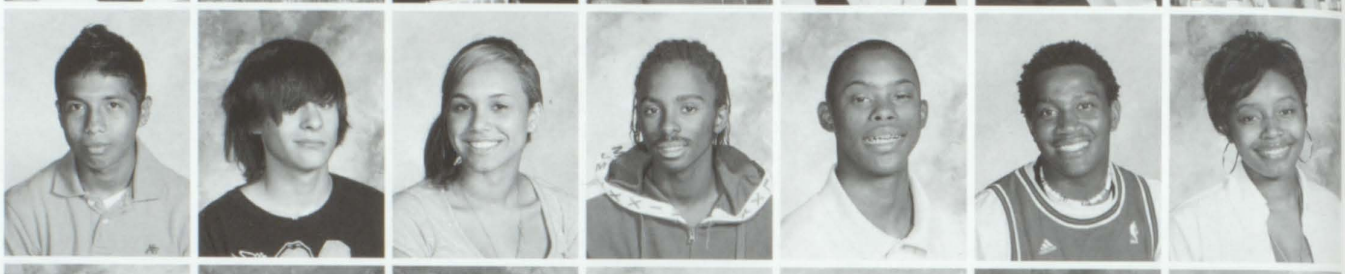
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Shamell Mangrum



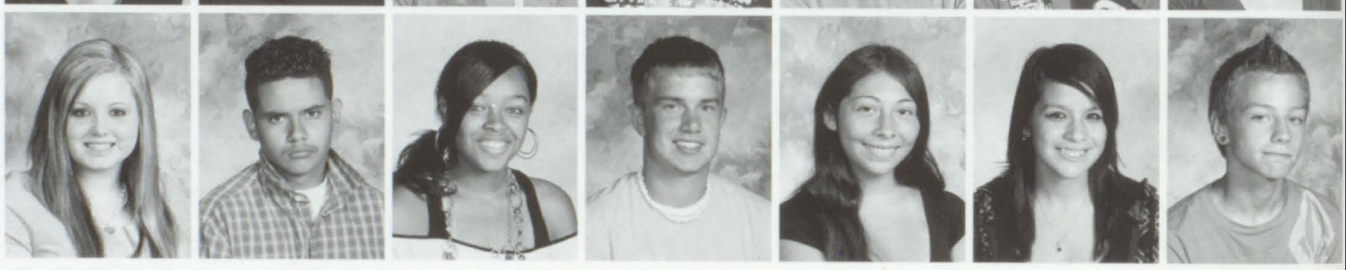
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Ka'shauna McCoy



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Cole McGinnis
Brianna McKeithen
Christen McKinley
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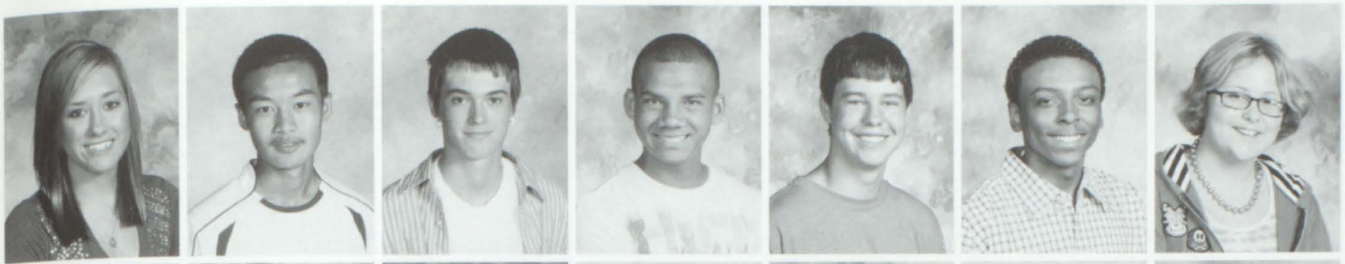








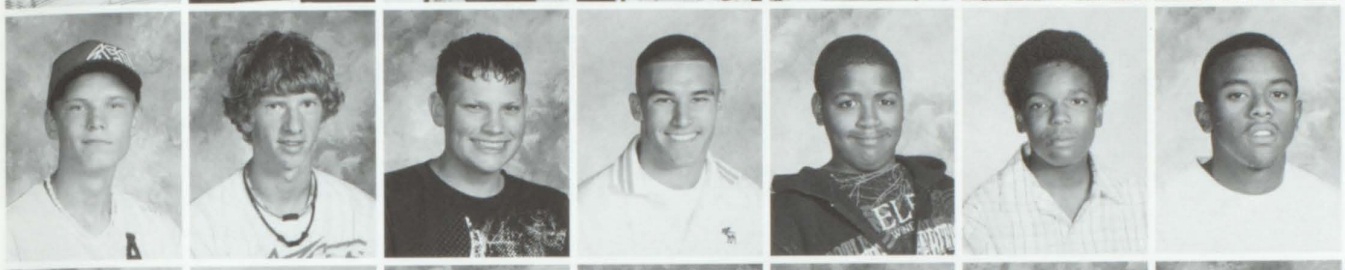




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Dillon Newby
Alexis Newman



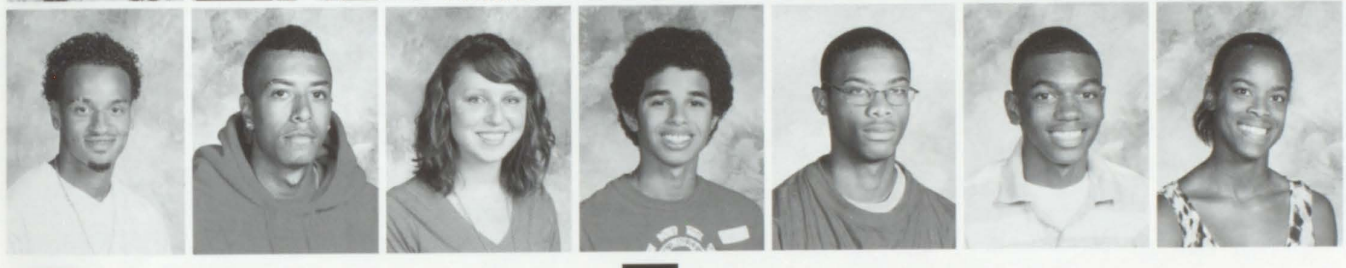
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Austin Ochsner
Joseph Olivarez
Tevin Overton
Rodricco Parks
Brandon Patrick



Ka Du Paw
Sho Paw
Sunday Paw
Benjamin Payne
Alex Pearson
Krystin Pearson
Tyler Pearson



RaShai Pendelton
Xavier Pendelton
Alexa Penn
Jared Perkins
Billy Phillips
Lamon Phillips
Lanika Phillips

What does ROCKY P[RI]DE mean to you?

"Being part of a school that produces the best students and athletes."

- Garry Allbritton

"Supporting all the teams at games and trying my hardest at swimming meets to make the school proud."

- Elizabeth Donner

"Having pride in your school and supporting your school anyway you can."

-Tony Alongi

"When you're proud to be a Rock."

marissa Lopez

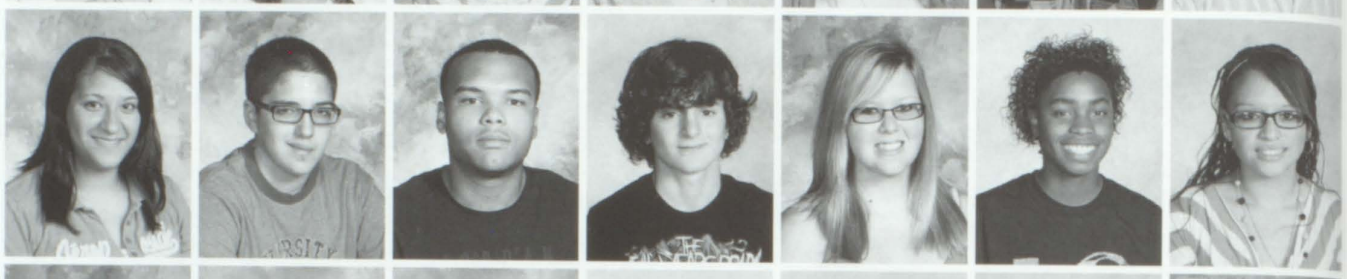
"Being a good role model in your school."

- Erica Bussey

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Samuel Raines



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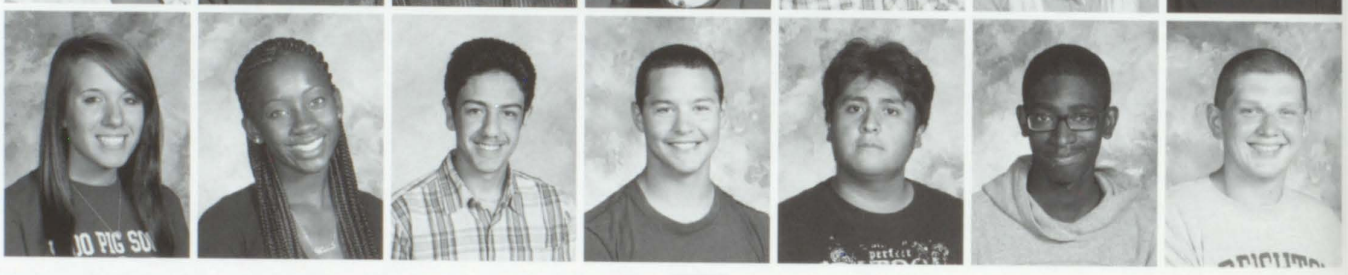
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Kendall Schmook
Lindsey Schroeder
P. J. Scott



Emily Sharp
Marconna Shelton
Majd Shiban
Jeffrey Sloan
Alejandro Solis
Fred Sonnier
Bradley Steger



Taking

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Taylor Stone
Alyssa Strickland
Taylor Summers-Berger
Alexandra Sweeney
Patience Taryon
Carly Taylor



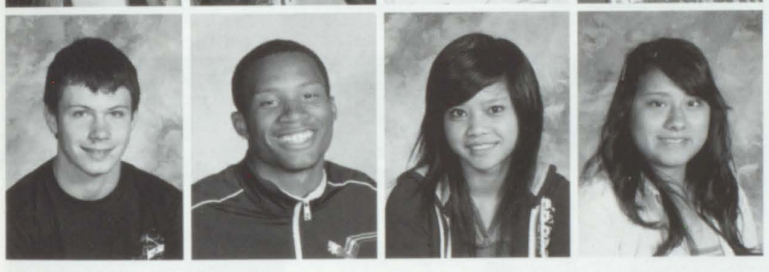
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Leticia Trejo



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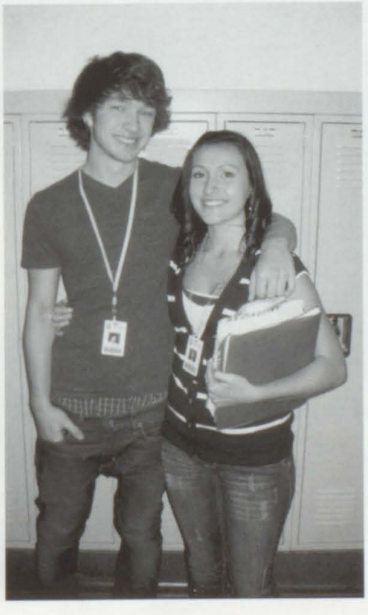


Quinton Wilson
Devantea Young
Mya Zar
Esther Zepeda









[juniors]





C[RI]teria of Junior Year

Juniors' reactions to being an upperclassman for the first time.



The First Day of School as an Upperclassman:
"I was excited to see my friends!"
-Shaniece Walker



Parking in the Junior/Senior Parking Lot:
"I felt cooler driving instead of getting dropped off by parents."
-Connor Corbett



Winning the Spirit Stick as Juniors:
"It feels like you're in control and we'll get 'em again next year!"
-Tori Johnston



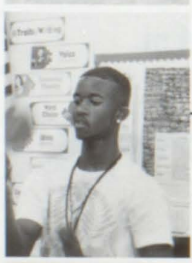
Painting Up for Games for the First Time:
"It's fun! You've got to cheer on your team!"
-Lindsey Schroeder



Homecoming as an Upperclassman:
"The best part was getting ready with my friends."
-Teigan Andrews



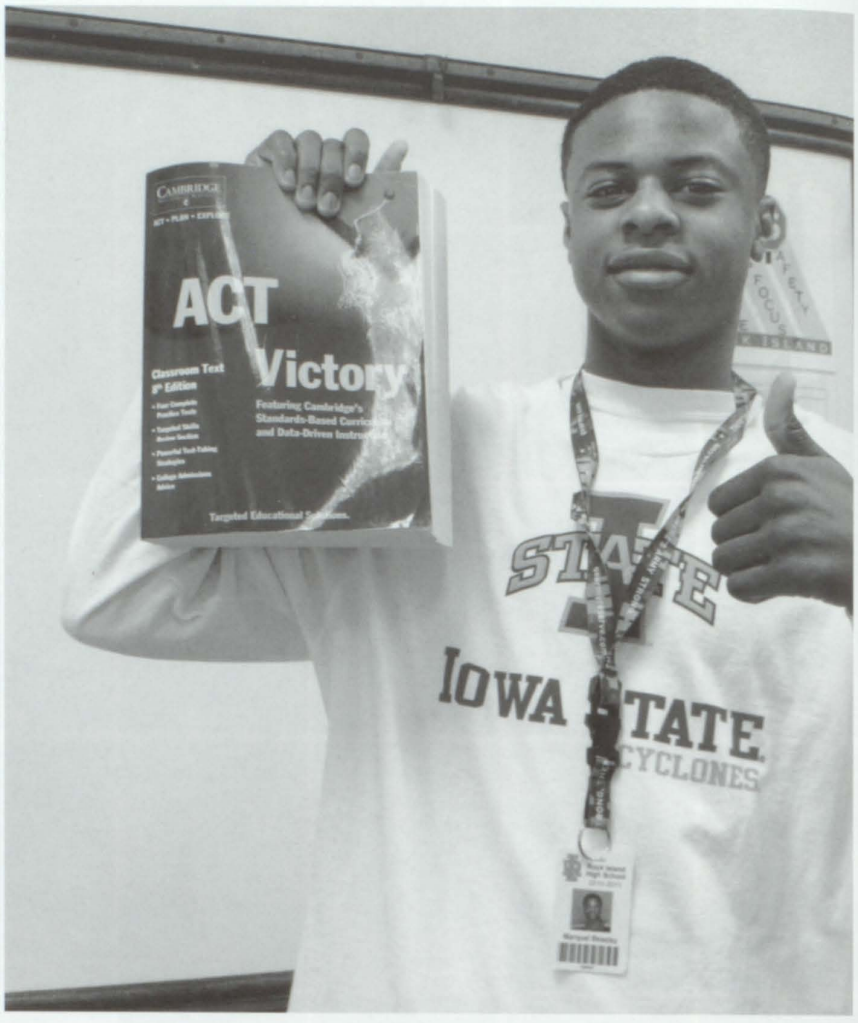
The Junior/Senior Tug of War:
"It was really interesting to watch because even though we didn't have a lot of people, we still brought it!"
-Rayven Morrow



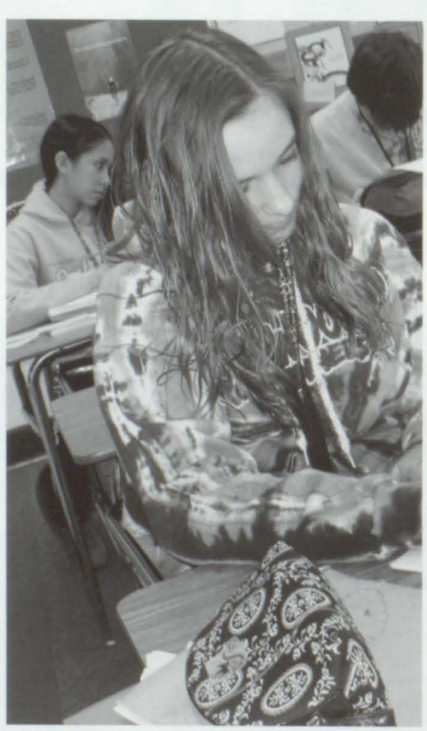
Tackling the Research Paper:
"It's not as bad as I thought. It just takes up a lot of time."
-Kristin Myers



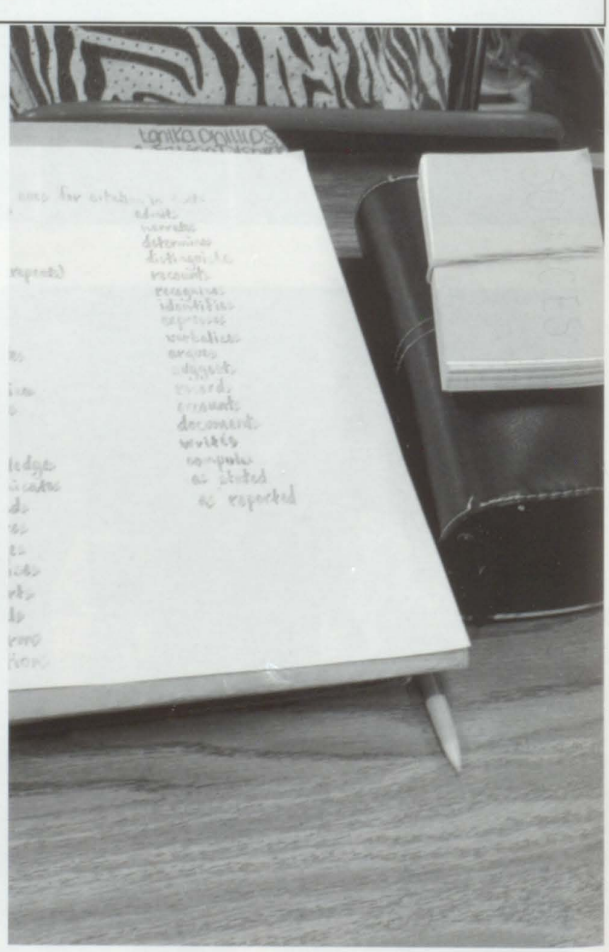
Taking the ACT:
"I'm very nervous about taking the ACT in the spring, but to prepare myself, I've been taking prep classes on Saturdays and online ACT simulations."
-Garry Allbritton



Throughout junior year, juniors practice for the ACT test they will take in the Spring.



The research paper. The ultimate test of junior year.



Farewell F[RI]ends

Rocky says goodbye to students who leave for the foreign exchange program.



Nasiba Taimuri

What are you going to miss most about Rocky?
"I think I'm going to miss ... definitely my friends, my teachers, and my lunch table!"

What country are you going to?
South Korea

What are you looking forward to the most?
"I'm really looking forward to new experiences, new friends, and new outfits."



MATTHEW GRAF

What are you going to miss most about Rocky?
"I'll miss my nifty pals on the swim team."

What country are you going to?
Denmark

What are you looking forward to the most?
"Exploring a new culture"



Abigail Calder

What are you going to miss most about Rocky?
"My friends, band, and drama. I'm going to miss being in plays."

What country are you going to?
Taiwan

What are you looking forward to the most?
"It's warm, exotic, and it seems culturally rich, and politically interesting."

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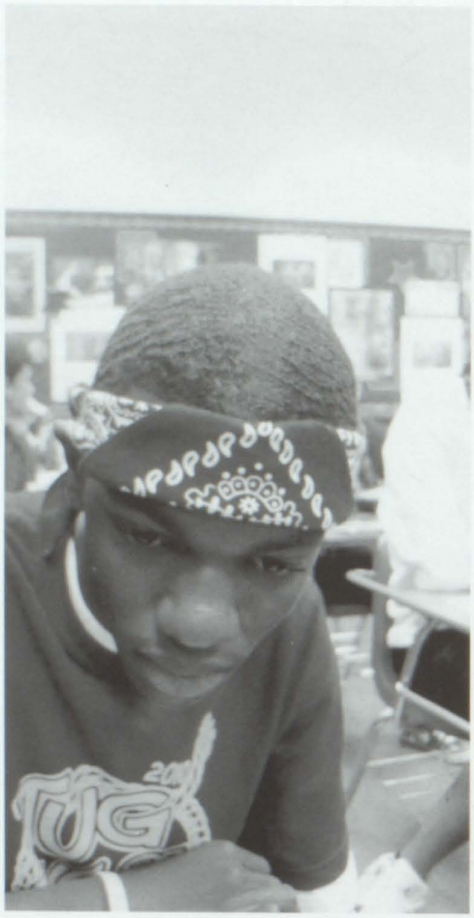


















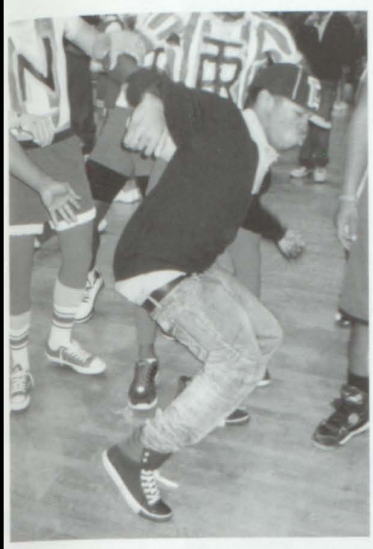





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Juniors at the ROCK







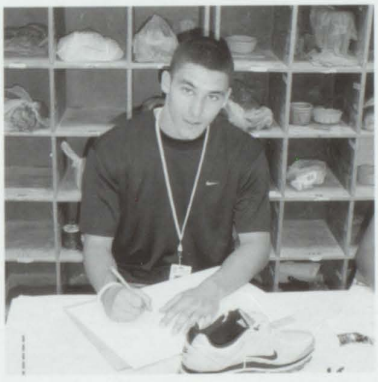




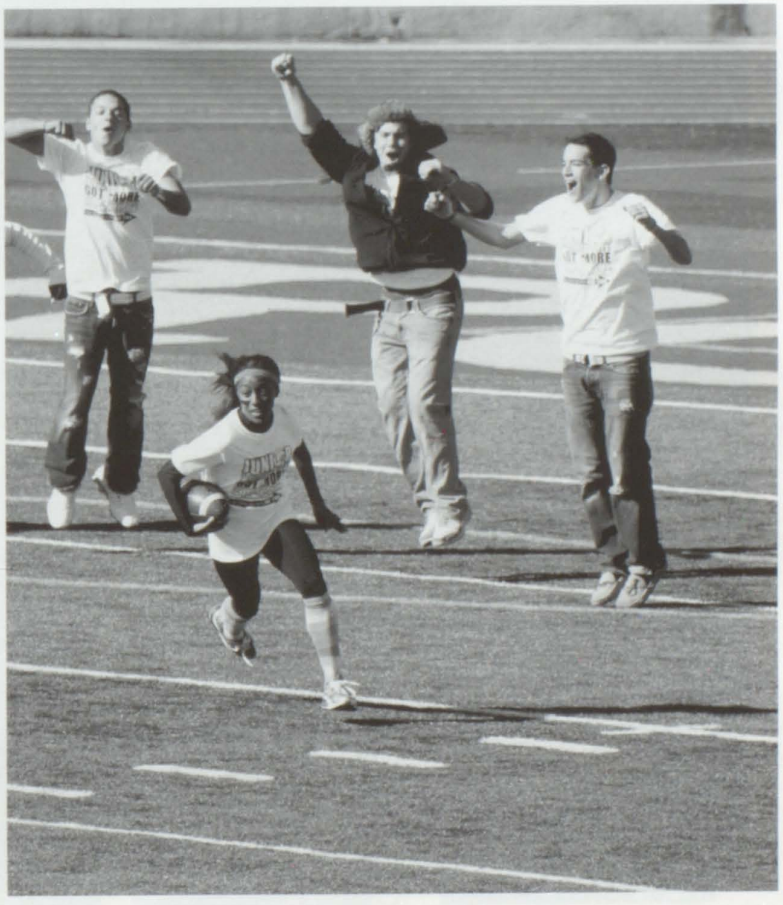




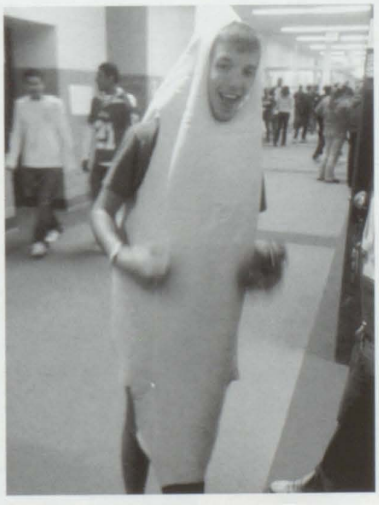




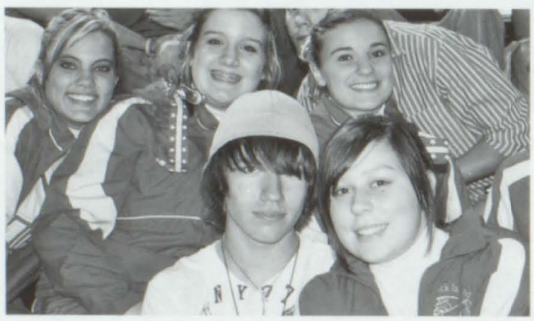








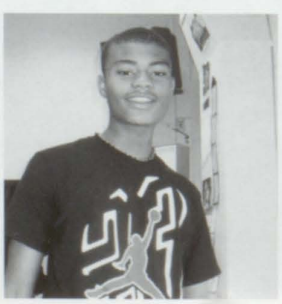

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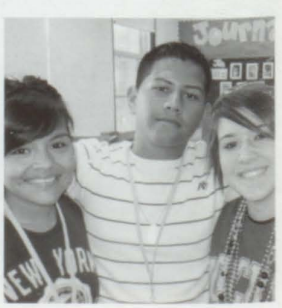












D[RI]ven

Sophomores- Learning to drive and driven to succeed.



Sophomores are driven in more ways than one. They are in the mix of getting the freedom of a license, the freedom to go where they want to go and see who they want to see. Most sophomores are dRIven to school each morning, but soon, that can end. They are on the road to becoming their own dRIvers. Caught in-between settling as a freshman, taking the ACTs as a junior, and battling senioRItis as a senior, being a sophomore is a nice resting point that helps each person decide who they want to be. No longer are these students confined to the third floor with the Freshman Academy. They are sophomores. "Not being on third floor everyday," is one of the greatest breaks from being a freshman for Haley Anderson.

Sophomores are now reaching the point where they are old enough to get a job, which will soon lead to thinking about what they want to do once they leave high school.

As the new school year started, there were sophomores that were excited about coming back to Rocky. "I was excited about coming back to Rocky so I could reunite with old fRIends," said Jacobe Julien. Jolinda Simmons said, "I was most excited about seeing all my younger fRIends up at the high school because I miss them." Excitement comes to the sophomores from old fRIends arriving at Rocky as each year's seniors depart.

Although sophomores do have to take the PLAN test, they are one step closer to becoming an upperclassman. "We are halfway to graduation," Jolinda Simmons explains. Each memory, until then, should be cheRIshed, and each moment remembered. Always keep up the hard work, sophomores. Never stop planning your future. Keep yourself and your fRIends continually dRIVen for success.

Laneeka Adams
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Marissa Albright
Cairece Allen
Morgan Allen
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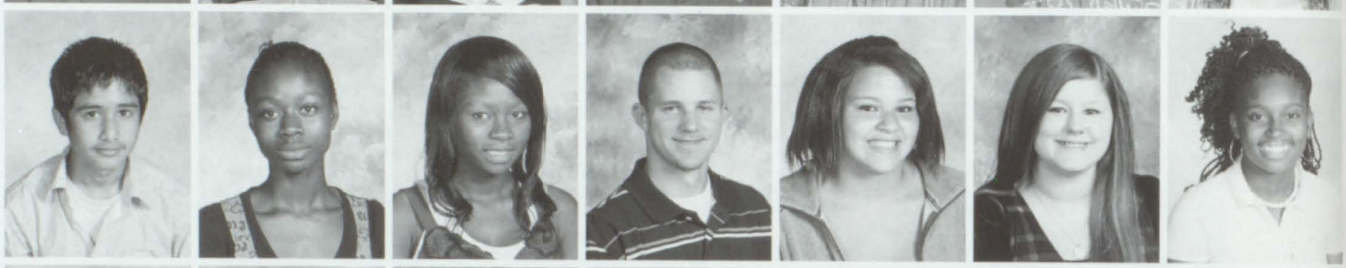
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Hari Bhattarai
Mariah Binion
Kelly Bishop



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Helen Boayue
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Alexus Bowser
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Aliyah Branigan



Shavonne Brewer
Allysa Bries
Ashley Brodnax
Olivia Brooks
Reese Brown
Kaylyn Buckrop
Ryan Bucktrout



DREAM BIG!

What is your dream job?

"My dream job is to be a firefighter because I want to help the community."
- Mayson Davis

"My dream job is to be a musician because I would want people to hear my songs on the radio and have people sing my lyrics."
- Gage Dempsey

"I want to be an elementary school teacher (third grade). I love working with kids and I've just always wanted to be a teacher."
- Aubree Hooks

"I want to be a psychologist because I love to help people."
- Breanna Schafer



Tyler Bustard
Dominique Butler
Eugenio Campos III
Alison Carothers
Celeste Chapdelaine
Zachary Chapman
Jessica Clark



Matthew Claude
Aubrey Clay
Benzell Clay
Michael Cole
Summer Cook
Allison Copen
Tiara Cowan



Christian Cramer
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Mayson Davis
Devin Day
Anna Dean
Willis Dean



Emily DeGrauwe
Brian DeHaven
Jorge DeLaRosa Duarte III
Gage Dempsey
Aaron Deneckere
Alexis Detert
Luciano Diaz



Meagan Dickey
Clifford Dilworth Jr
Michaela Dorbeck
Alexander Dorman
Lauren Dortch
Callie Dotter
Dannyelle Dunbar











sophomore girls just wanna have **FUN!**

Charles Eagle
Jennifer Eckert
Blake Edmondson
Anna Eirinberg
Derek Ellis
James Ellis
Laurel Enstrom



Matthew Erickson
Mitchell Erickson
Tony Esparza
Chikunze
Eugonfaunk
Marcel Evans
Ashton Faramelli
Samuel Ferry



Patricia Flores
Carmen Ford
Damone Foulks
Taylor Foulks
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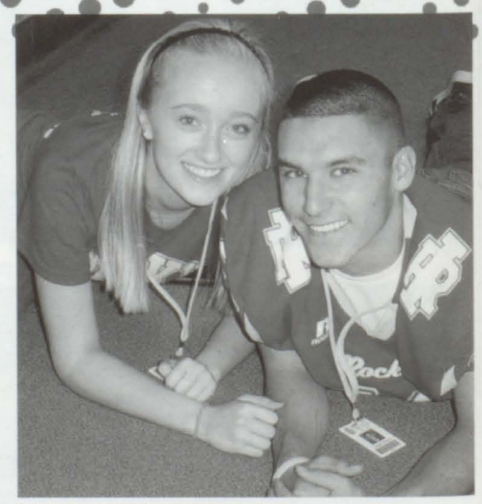


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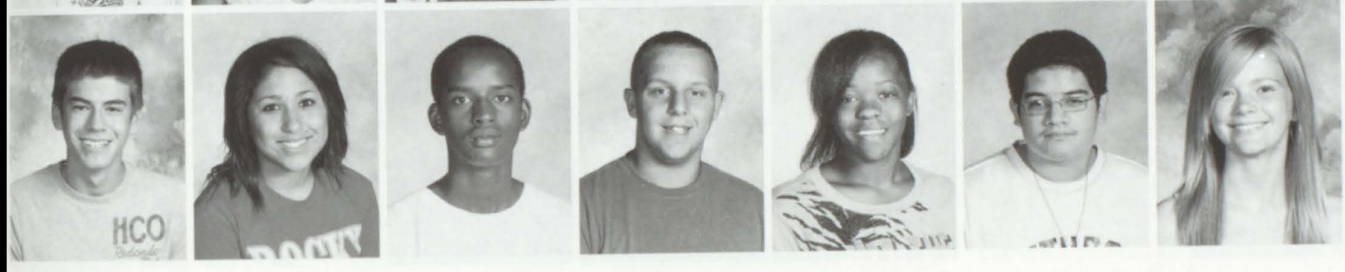
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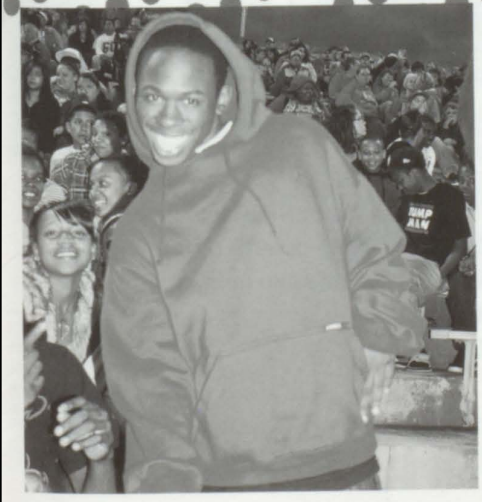


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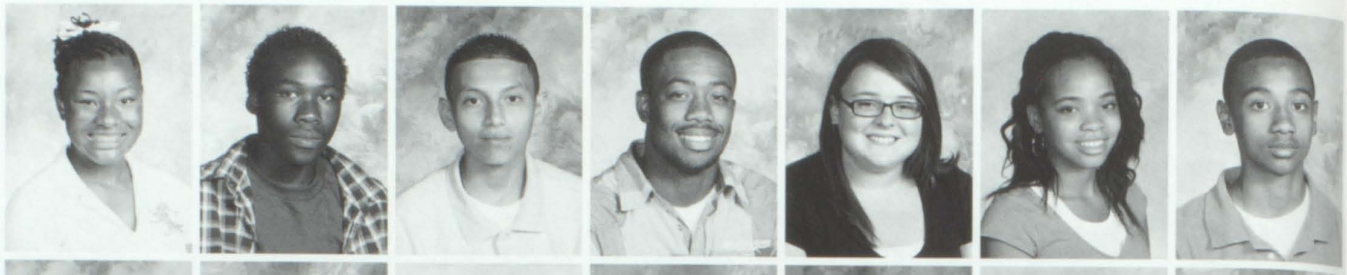
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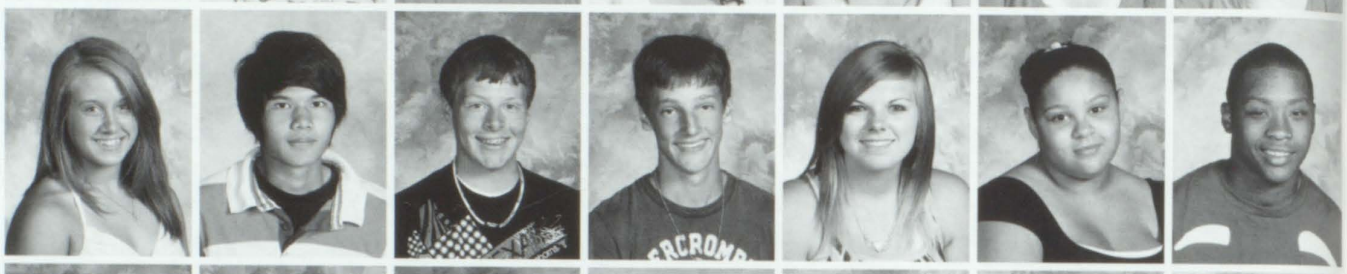
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Courtney Kernan
Josie Kirkbride



Samantha Kirzeder
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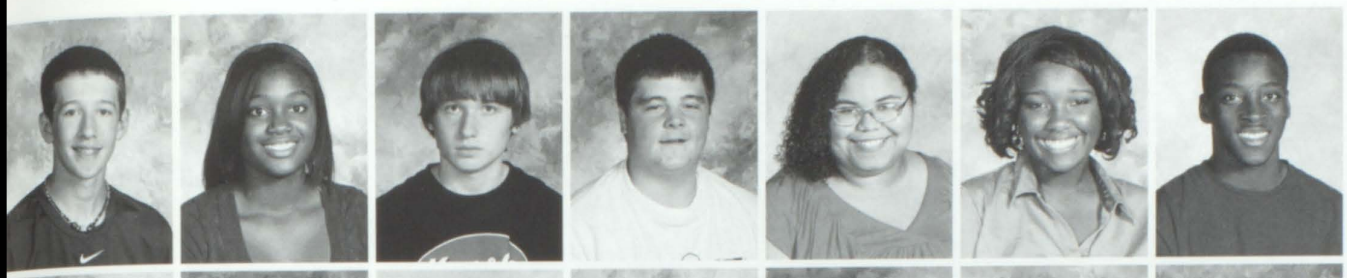
What song best describes your life?

"'Shine' by The Morning Of because it's calm and soothing, and helps me when I get sad or mad, and makes me think about who I am and how important I am to some people."
- Breanna Schafer

"'Get Back Up' describes my life because it says to me to keep going when things get tough, and it motivates me to keep going in life."
- Kayla Neville

"'Power' by Kanye West because it gets me pumped before every game."
- Brian Richardson

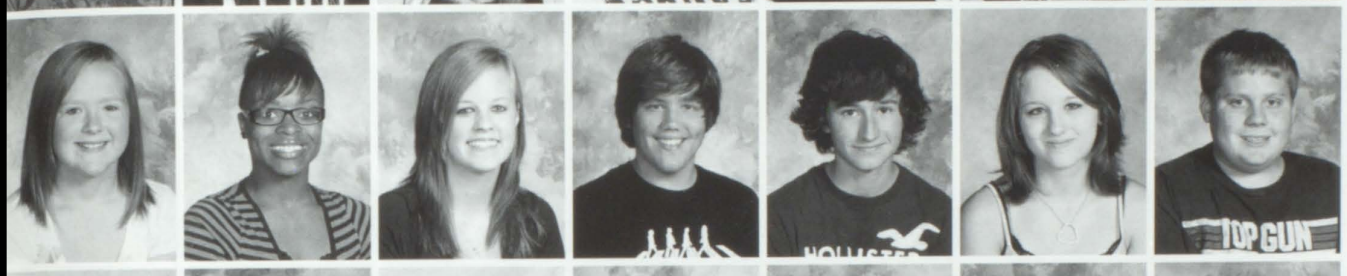
"'Mean' by Taylor Swift because I was always picked on as a kid, but I still have big dreams, and no matter what people say, no one can hold me back."
- Rachel Deisenroth



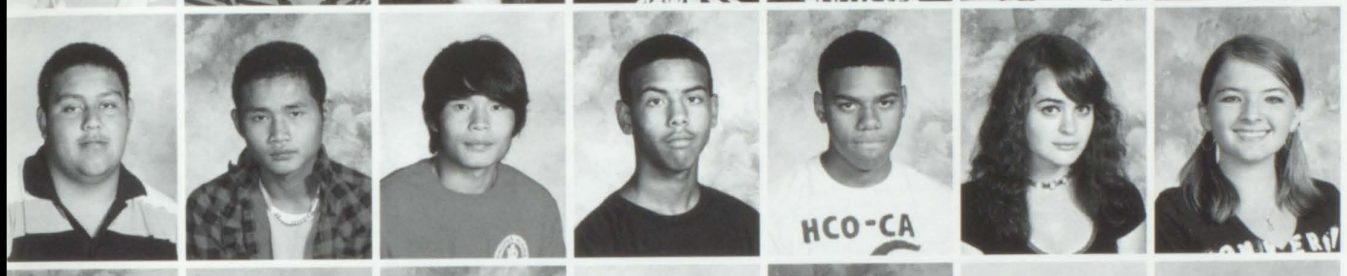
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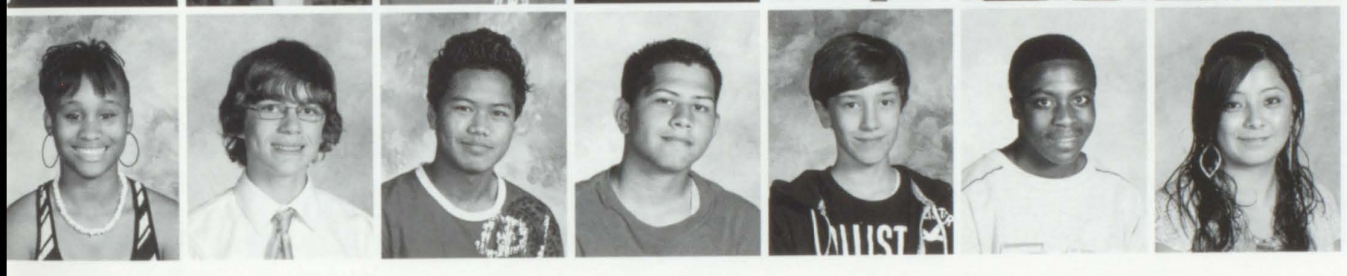
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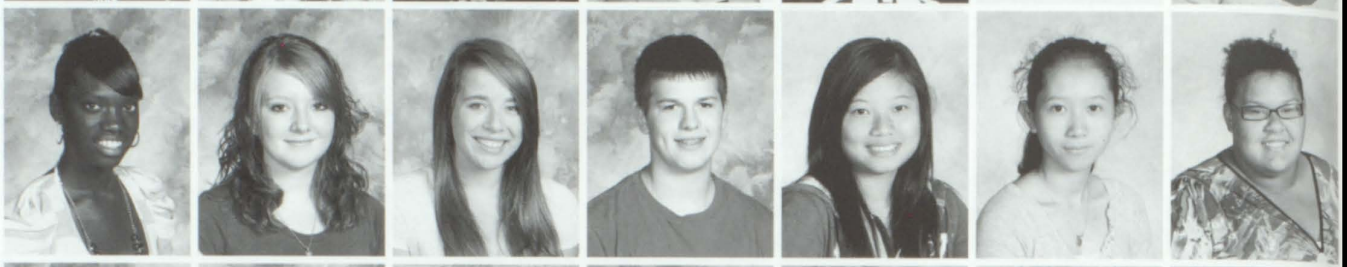




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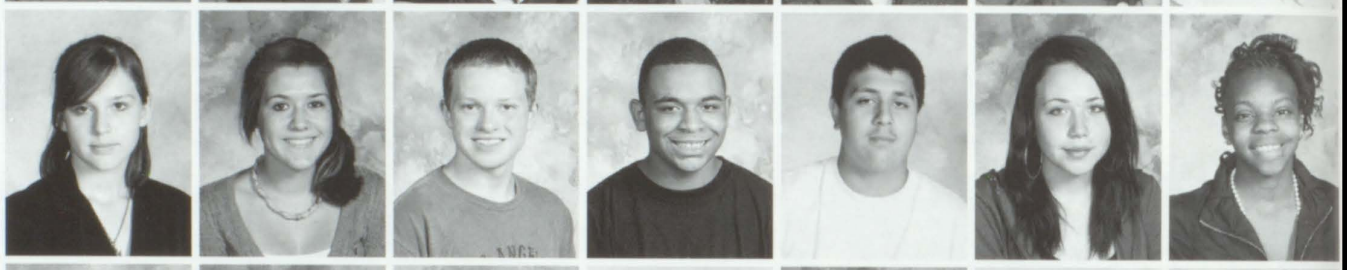
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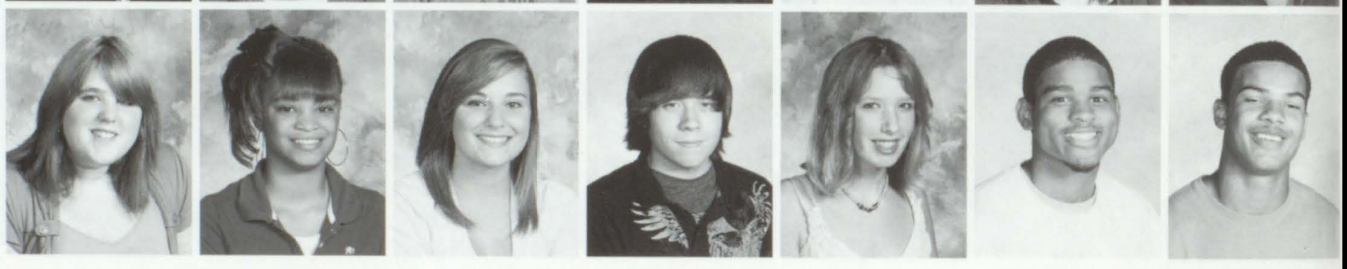
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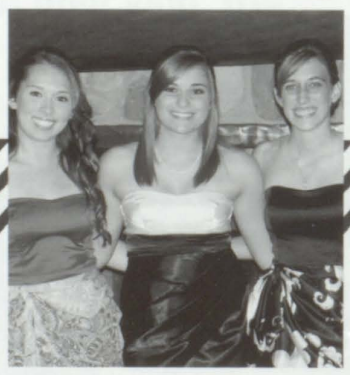
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Taking P[RI]de in being a sophomore!





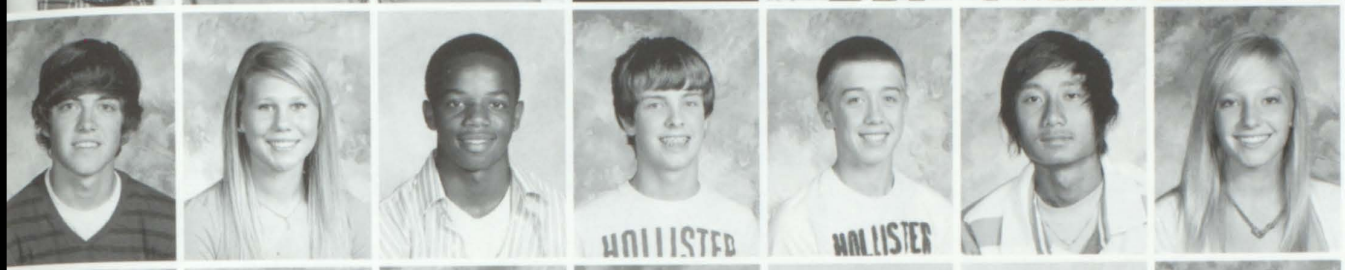








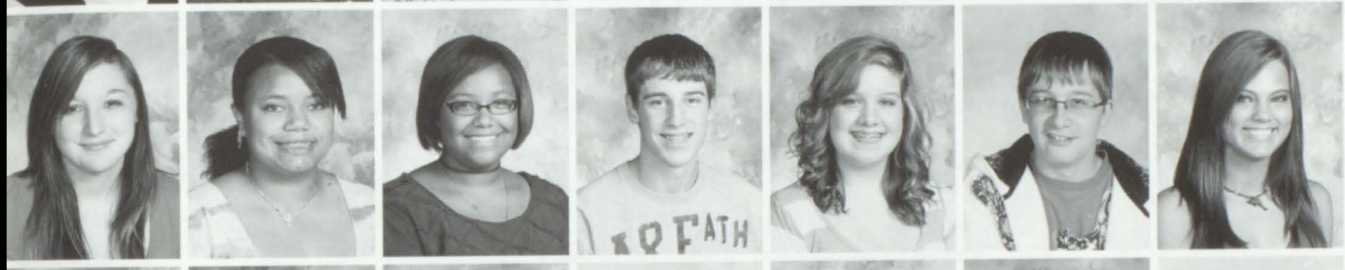
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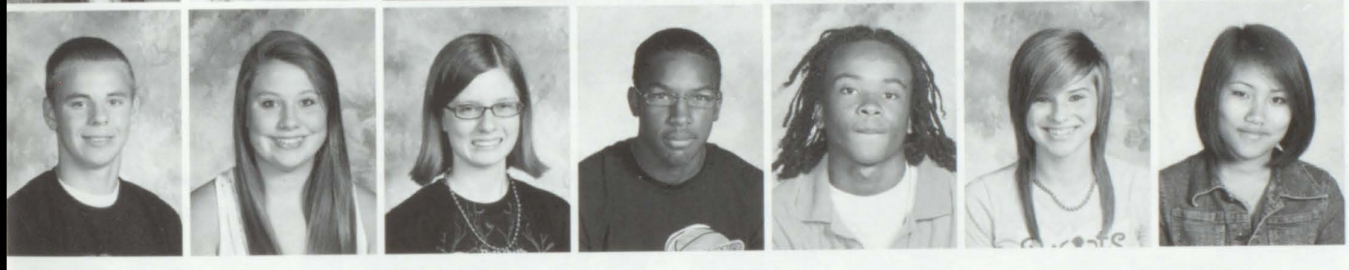
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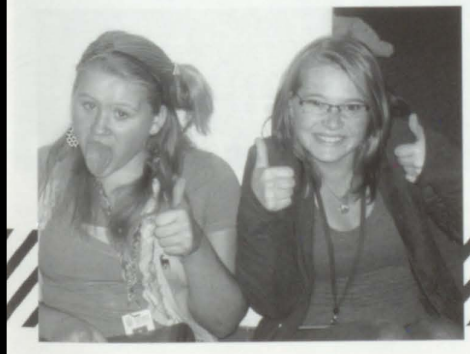
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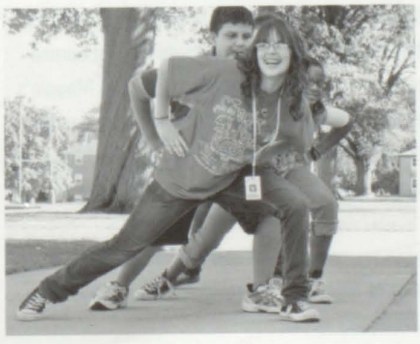
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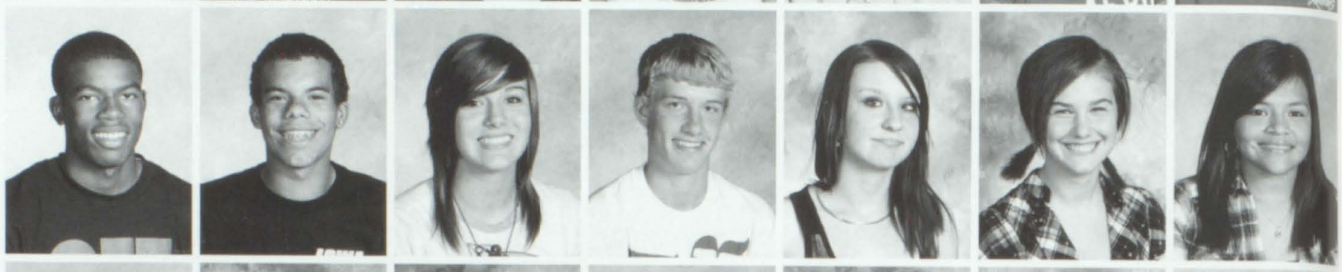




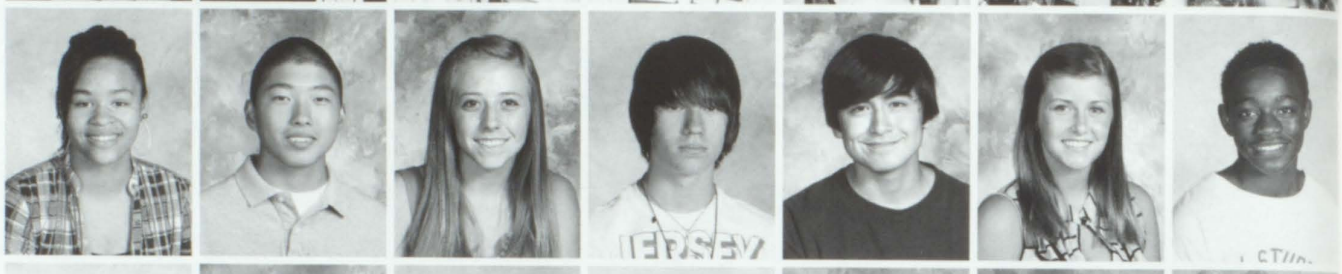
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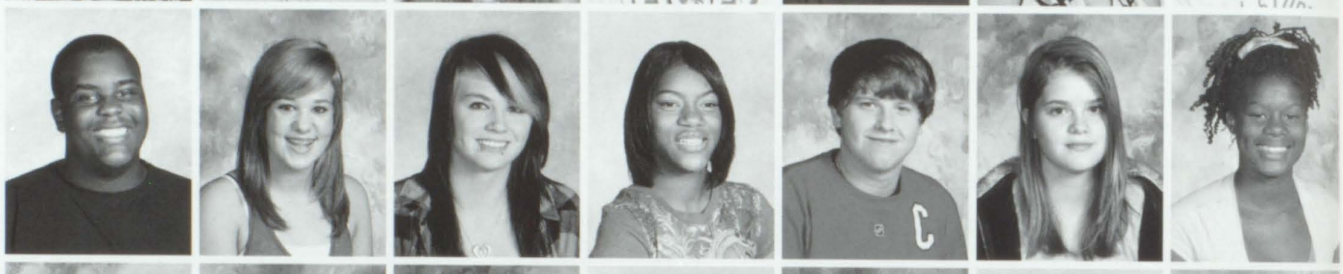
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Taylor VanDerGinst
Kylee Villarreal
Ndikubwayo
Vincent



Malik Waldrip
Haley Walker
Kaylene Wanta
Tyshunda
Washington
Garrett Weckerly
Claire Weitzel-Kelly
Devonne West



Taylor Wheatley
Erik Whitcomb
Brittany White
Courtland Whitney
Chase Wiggins
Jerra Williams
Katie Williams



Maggie Williams- [RI]sing to the Challenge

Entering high school sports is hard enough as a freshman, but jumping into a varsity team is even more intimidating. Maggie Williams joined Rock Island Girls' Soccer team last winter. She was looking forward to five months of kicking the white and black ball up and down a 110 yard field. Thankfully, she ended up catching and touching the ball in an 8ft x 43ft box instead.

Maggie has played 22 seasons of soccer in 11 years, and never once was she her team's goalkeeper. When Maggie started her 23rd season of soccer, she was in for a big surprise when her dad tricked her into trying out for goalie. After tryouts, she was announced as one of the two goalies that may be playing varsity for the next season. After the first game of the 2010 season, Maggie proved herself worthy of the varsity goalie title, but she still had tons of work to do. "Even up to the last game, I was learning new skills and tools to be a goalie," said Maggie.

For example, in the first Conference game against Alleman last season, Maggie explains, "I could hear spectators talking negatively about me, but I just kept my head up and pushed past it." Pushing past the negativity is what earned Maggie her 3 "Most Valuable Teammate" awards given by her team after outstanding performances in games. Maggie's proudest moment was during the Regional game, when a player had broken through all defenders and the sweeper, but Maggie ran out of the goal to take a risk and stop her. In mid-run, the ball met Maggie's chest. She accomplished her goal and saved the day. Well, not quite the day. The game was lost, but a player's effort is what counted on Rocky's team, for they only had three wins last season.



Another moment Maggie cherishes was the day she opened up to her teammates. She said, "I was quiet at first, but the moment I opened up led to making new friends and made the season more enjoyable." Maggie returns to soccer in a few months and can't wait to come back and continue improving her goalkeeping skills.



Margaret Williams
LaRissa Windisch
Abigail Winfree
Mariah Witsman
Marcelious Wyatt
Tatu Yabumbwa
Darshain Yancey



Bassam Zakaria
Morgan Zambrano
Ethan Zepeda
Rosetts Zevan



If you could go back in time, where would you go, and why?

"I would go back to when I was five years old when all that mattered was recess, friends, and toy cars."
- A.J. Clay

"1981, so I could see my parents in high school."
- Mason Moss

"The 70's, because that era was just fascinating and kids my age were free."
- Maggie Williams

"I would go back in time to meet Plato and hear his philosophies."
- Patricia Flores

"I would go back to Woodstock or during 1969 because I think it was an important part in music history, and it would be amazing to experience it."
- Celeste Chapdelaine



What thought or message would you put in a fortune cookie?

"It is better to be disliked for who you are, than to be loved for who you aren't."
- Shaina Hughes

"Don't wait around for something good to happen, make it happen yourself."
- Ellie Miers

"If you want something you've never had before, you've got to do something you've never done before."
- Jake Scudder

"Why did you break me?!"
- Megan Henning

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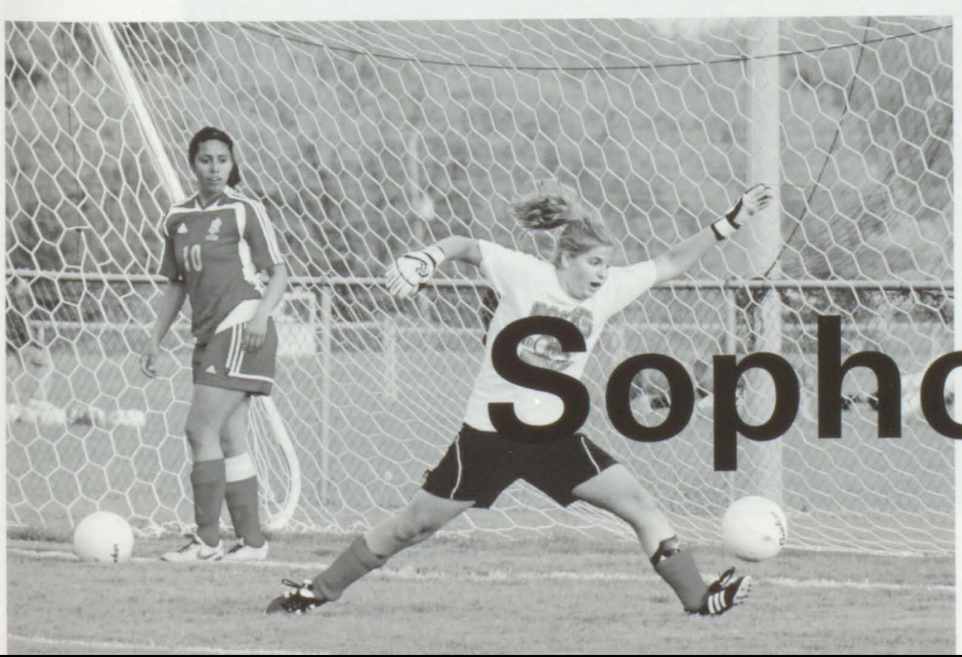












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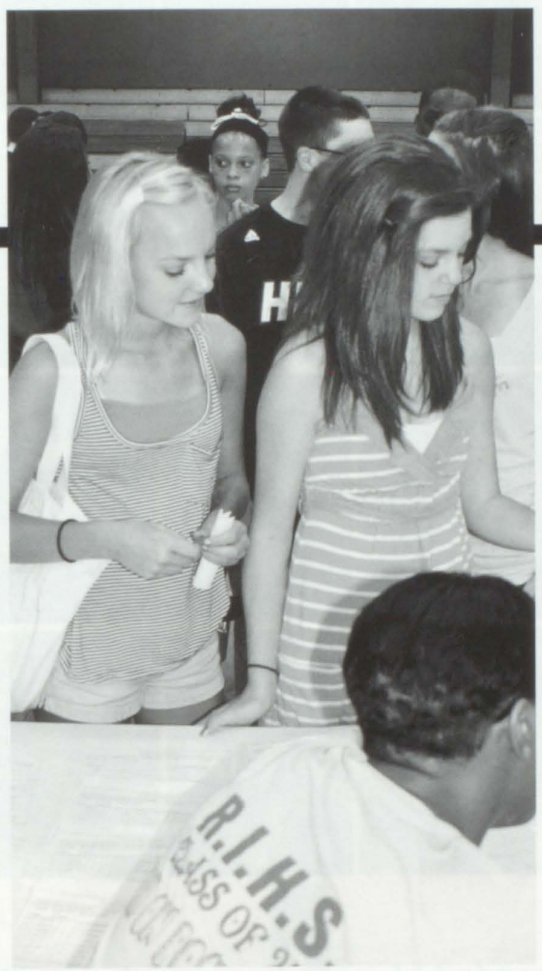
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Your first year at the Rock.

With Big Plans on the hoRIzon as a freshman enteRling high school, we're discoveRIng new paths, overcoming obstacles, and facing our fears. "I feel good about being a freshman. I think that word means a fresh beginning - a new start for me and the class of 2014," Dennicia Hickman says. But everyone knows a new start can be fun and scary all at the same time.

Thoughts of getting lost, getting picked on by upperclassmen, losing our closest fRIends, and failing miserably roamed through our minds before we even attempted the journey at Rocky. As time went on though, we grew to find out that most of our classes were on 3rd floor, the upperclassmen's goals did not revolve around harming us, we started finding out who our true fRIends were, and teachers were here to help us so we didn't fail. As our fears began to vanish, we realized our first year of high school was easier than we thought it would be, and it helped us find out that these next three years aren't going to be so bad, after all.

Despite freshman year struggles, it's not something any of us would want to miss. After all, it's a major step towards growing up. "A lot of people want to be the baby," says Lovie Orr, "but I know it won't stay that way forever. I will go on in grades, like next year, I will be a sophomore. I can't wait."







As the Class of 2014 walked in through the doors on the first day of school, they headed straight to the Field House, where they would all gather for the first time. Teachers got them pumped up for the 2010-2011 year by having them sign posters promising to seek whatever it takes to reach their Big Plans as Rock Island Rocks.













Shelby Abrams
Elijah Adams
Travon Aldridge
Hayseet Aller
Patrick Alongi
Ashly Anderson
Lea Anderson



Katya Andrade
Arrian Andrew
Kilie Angusich
Courtney Arnold
Alec Aunan
Alexia Avena
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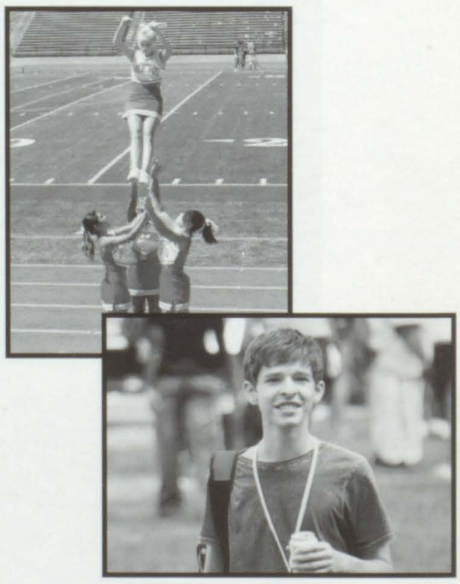
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Donald Bradley



There should be an app for that!

"A money app, so I could have infinite money!"
- Austin Miller

"An app for a car to appear out of nowhere!"
-Sina Kalhor





Lexis Bragg
Edgar Brown
Hser Ka Paw Brown
Emmanuel Bucumi
Joshua Bushnell
Marcellous Butler
Raven Byrum

Andrew Calder
Nicholas Carbis
Stephanie Carey
Connor Carmen
Samantha Carr
Christopher Castaneda
Fernando Castaneda

Melissa Cavins
Shamia Clark
Hunter Collins
Christian Colmenares (Rodgers)
Randi Constantino
Felicia Contreras
Delema Cowan

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Anthony Cross
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What was your favorite childhood toy?

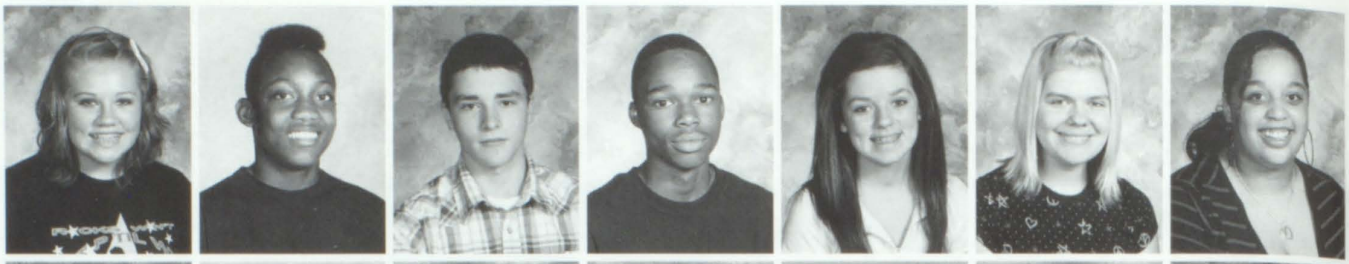
"Buzz Lightyear because he could light up and talk."
-Courtlynd Hinson

"Model cars were my favorite toys!"
-Jamal Morrow

"My favorite toy was talking Hulk punching gloves."
-Kyndall Shaw

"A baby doll because I was the mommy and they had to do what I said!"
-Lea Anderson

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Alexis Fox



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Asia Garcia
Nikki Garrison
Brian Gentry



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Cecilia Goldsberry
Oral Gordon
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FOOTBALL OR FUTBOL









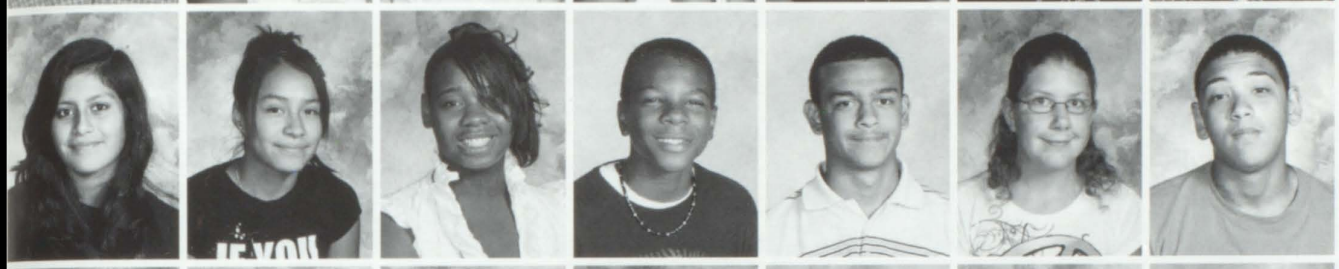




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Keonica Hearn
Camie Herbert
Andrea Hergert



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Ysenia Herrera
Dennicia Hickman
Jeffery Hickman
Collin Hill
Krystal Hilligoss
Courtlynd Hinson



Mitchell Hodge
Quinton Holmes
Davon Holt
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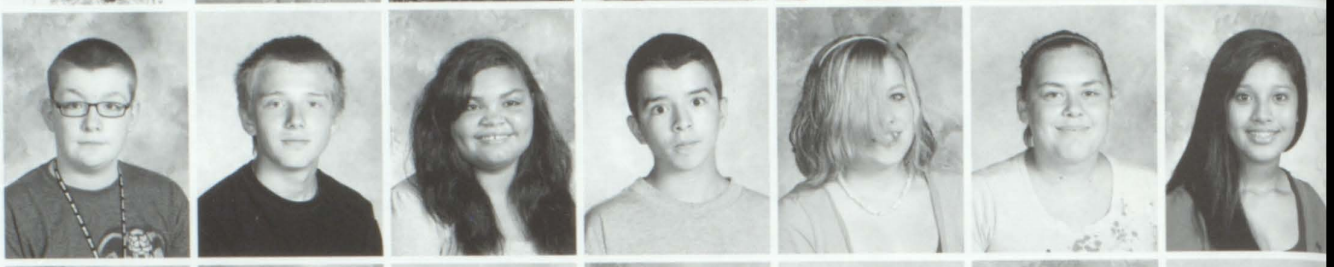


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Sina Kalhor



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Sydney Kelley
Eric Kennedy
Keelyandra Kirkbride
Aubrey Kline
Isabella KongKousonh



Austin Koutsky
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Jesse Krueger
Keonna Lampkin
Jacob Lardner
Sidney Laughlin
Jacob Lavine



Randie Lawson
Mackenzie Leatherman
Brandon LeBarge
Tianna Lecander (Riesebieter)
Diamon Leigh
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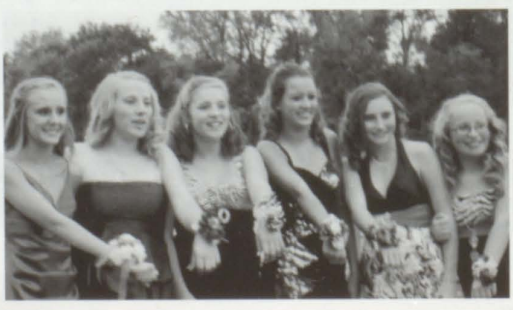














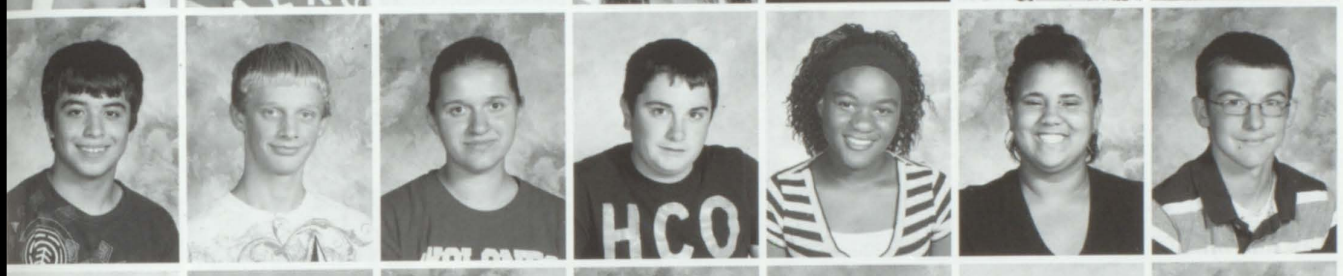
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Kelsie Matter
Signe Maurus
Siara McAuley



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Elijah Meek-Bobb
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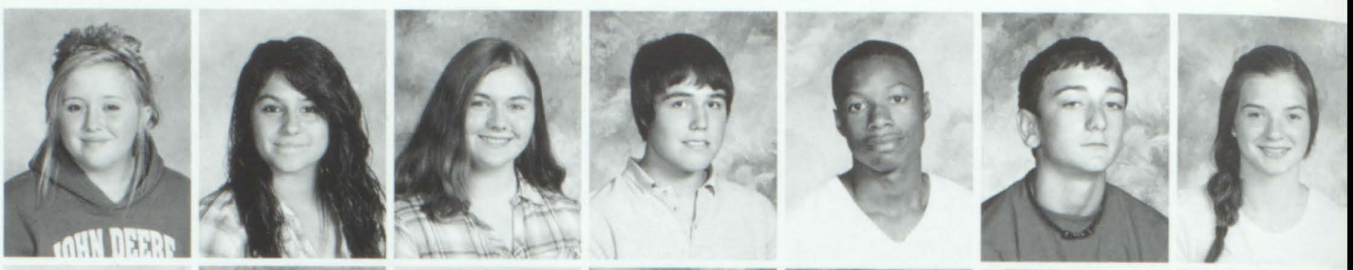


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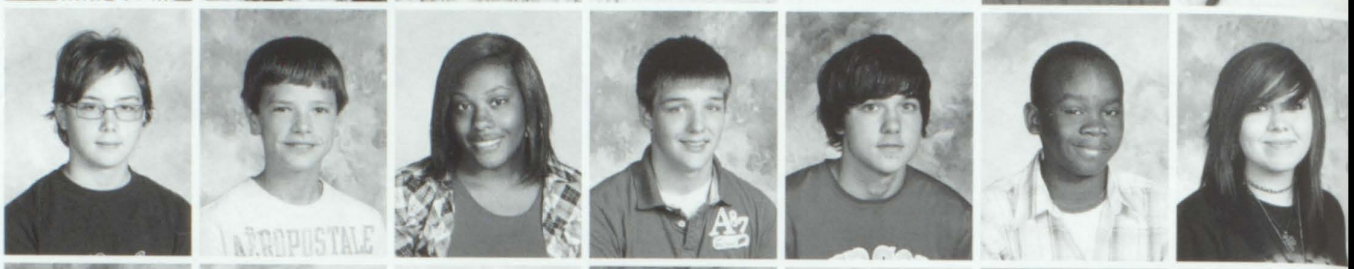


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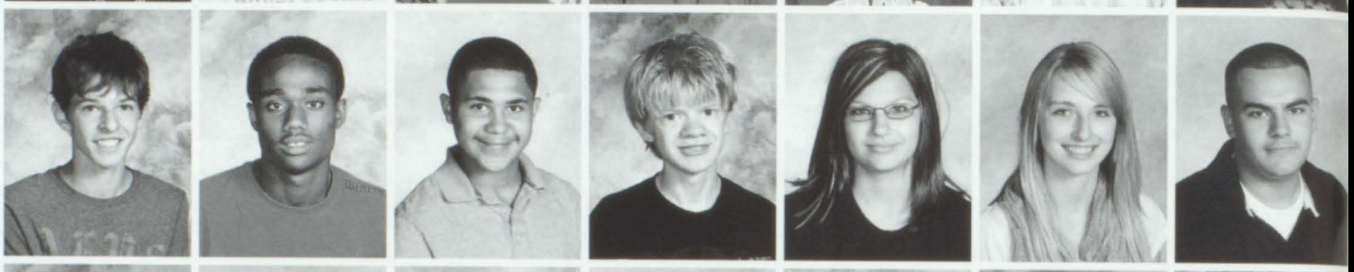
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Raymond Nolan
Prince Nombre
Faith Northcutt



Steven Nowinski
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Ryan O'Shea
Jessica Ochsner
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Tyree Orr
Kelsea Osborn
DyNayus Owens



Emily Pagel
Nicholas Painter
Alex Palos
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Tyneisha Parker
Isaac Patrick
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What TV shows do Rocky's freshmen want to star in?

"*Spongebob* because I would have no problems!"
-Emily Stockdale

"*The Buried Life* because of all the crazy adventures and opportunities."
-Hanna Mahaffey

"*Sports Center* because I'd get to play sports all of the time."
-Cullen George

"*Friends* because their lives are awesome and they barely work."
-Austin Ochsner

"*Pretty Little Liars* because their lives are full of drama and suspense."
-Morgan Stoever



July Paw
Andrew Pearson
Brittany Pearson
Devan Penry
Gabrielle Pepping
Austin Perez
Luis Perez



Omar Perez
Selina Perez
Michael Peters
Katherine Phillips
Elizabeth Phillis
Carissa Pierce
Kyrstin Plohr



Tonya Plowman
Alyssa Pool
Tatyana Pore
De'Shavonne Pulliam
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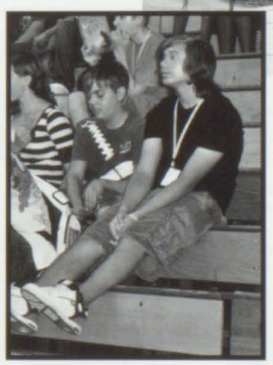
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Advice for *Freshman year*

"Do your homework. Stay focused in class. Have fun! And don't share lockers....you never know when that person will be gone and then you won't have your stuff for class." - Ms. Wirth

"Bring your materials to class everyday: Pen/pencil, paper and binder. If you miss a day of school, get your make up work from your teacher right away. Turn in your work ON TIME. Have a plan! Set goals for yourself each quarter and semester."
-Mr. Stone







Mariela Rocillo
Jamasha Rockett
George Roderick
Hannah Rodgers
Miguel Rodriguez
Roman Rodriguez
Jeremy Romero



Stephanie Rosas
Elijah Ross
Brian Ruiz
Keenen Ruiz
Nubeonna Ruiz
Yesenia Ruiz
Travaris Rummels



Jean-Jacques Sawadogo
Jean-Louis Sawadogo
Amanda Schaecher
Tyia Schauland
Lyric Schmacht
Nicholas Schmidt
Emma Schneekloth



Joseph Schultz
Stephen Selsor
Jeffrey Serrato
Jinesh Shah
Kyndall Shaw
Tyler Shewell
Keenan Shorter



Stuart Shuck
Trey Sigel
Jacob Sigler
Austin Simmer
Charlesreka Singleton
Helena Smiley
DaQuaylan Smith



A Fresh Point of View: Helena Smiley tells all.



What grade are you in?- "I'm in 9th grade."

What were you most nervous about coming to Rocky?- "Forgetting my locker combinations."

What was the biggest transition from junior high to high school?- "It's a much bigger, spread out school."

What is your favorite part of being a Rock?- "Meeting a brand new group of people and going to all the Friday night games."

What is one goal you have for your remaining three years here?- "Maintain a good GPA, of course!"



Jameila Smith
Luke Smith
Matthew Spaulding
Vanessa Spidle
Dustin St Pierre
Trevor Staes
Blue Stallings

Ivan Starenko
Quineesha Steele
Skyler Stewart
Emily Stockdale
Morgan Stoever
Rachael Stotts
David Straw

Kylie Straw
Christy Sui
Deannea Tanner
Alyse Tate
Kirsten Tauke
Sydney Taylor
Anna Teggatz

Nicholas Terry
Charday Thomas
Jerome Thomas
Mystique Thompson
Brandi Trice
Bailey Trude
Lawrence Turner

Jacob Umlandt
Isabel Vallejo
Bailey VanDerGinst
Rebecca VanSeveren
Nidia Villalpando
Devon Wagener
De'Aysha Walker







These
Freshmen
have
BIG PLANS
on their
first day.

Jacob Walker
Jasmine Walker
Alyssa Walton
Darron Warren
Tyquanda Washington
Christopher Watkins
Austin Wells



Justin Whitcomb
Abigail Wieland
Elizabeth Wieland
Abby Williams
Albert Williams
Ciara Williams
Isaiah Williams



Kayla Williams
Michael Williams
Dasheana Wilson
Phillip Witmer
Sean Wolking
Chandler Work
Jarshay Wright



Jacklyn Young
Kaitlyn Young
Fang Zheng



Seeing Double- Abby and Izzi Wieland

They're small, platinum blond, twin cheerleaders. Not only are these girls active on the sidelines in cheerleading and on the soccer field, they're also active in the classroom. Abby and Izzi Wieland skipped a grade, sixth to be exact. Now, two years later, they are freshmen at Rock Island High School, at age thirteen.

Jumping directly from fifth grade into middle school didn't cause any problems for these two girls. "It was frustrating during elementary, nothing was challenging for us," stated Abby. They both agree that the switch didn't supply that great of a challenge. They had combined fifth and sixth grade classes, so they already had friends a year older.

Now that they are at the high school level, they still don't see any problems. They are enjoying their experience. Izzi even admits, "I feel a bit more mature than some of my classmates. I'll see some of the stuff they are doing before the bell rings, and it's just childish." When they really think about the facts, they both agree that there are more advantages than disadvantages to moving up a grade. Abby looks forward to starting her career as a doctor sooner, and Izzi is just glad to be able to graduate sooner. When the disadvantages came into mind, they both exclaimed, "We won't be able to drive until senior year!"



Although they are only freshmen, they've got a name to live up to. Mikey Wieland, an '09 graduate, was on the varsity baseball team, and an all around good athlete. Another sibling at Rocky is Sean Wieland, who will be graduating with the class of 2012.

Not only are these girls gifted in the classroom and in athletics, they also have their own language. Being around the both of them at the same time, and hearing them converse might be a little odd. Eavesdropping is definitely a challenge with these girls, although the language sounds as if they break up every word into syllables and add a few extra sounds. However, their twinspeak is not English.

These amazing girls are both confident with being at a higher academic level for their age, and see no future problems. After two years, being in this situation is just their normality, their reality. They've definitely got plenty on their plate, and have two good heads on two good sets of shoulders to handle this experience with ease.

Freshmen get the ROCKY spi[RI]t















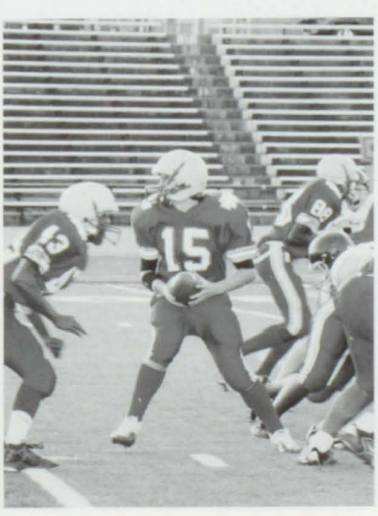














Right: Mr. Carlin and Mr. Tollenaer march down the field for the start of the game.

Empowe[RI]ng

To inspire others; to make others have confidence in themselves, their potential, and their abilities.

At Rock Island High School, our staff empowers students by teaching, keeping us safe, and keeping our school in top condition. "I empower by giving students an opportunity to think about and reflect on their actions," explains Senior Dean, Mr. Veasey. At Rock Island High School, empowering a student is so much more than holding authority over the students, it's helping students create a better future and path to success.

Rock Island is known for having pride, and that pride doesn't just thrive in our students. Mrs. Diaz, for example, has worked in Rocky's kitchen for three years and she wears just as much red and gold and takes time to go to extra-curricular activities. "We have the greatest kids!" she exclaims.

Rocky's staff also empowers students through their commitment. They support students on and off the clock. Whether it's on the track, in a concert, under the stadium lights, or in a classroom, you can count on Rocky's staff to be there cheering on the Rocks. "I went to high school here," Ms. Epperly explains, "so I wear my red and gold and attend extra-curricular activities."

Rock Island High School's staff is more than just a staff. They are people who are more than willing to go to any distance for a student's success. Whether it is a simple "How are you?" in the lunch line, an extra smile in the classroom, or just someone to listen to your story, you can count on RIHS staff to continually empower their students.





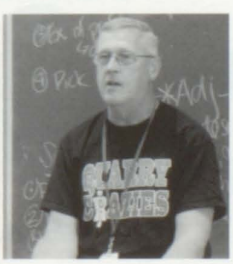


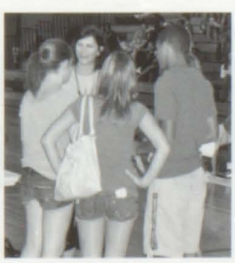
Left: Mr. Mason waves to a student at the Rally at the Rock.
Above: Ms. Bonner shows her wild side at the Freshmen Orientation.
Below: Mrs. Hayek, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Greenwood, and Mrs. Regan come out to support the Rocks at the Rally at the Rock.













Stephanie Akers
Craig Allison
Lori Alvarez
Lori Angel-Young
Tammy Ash
Perry Bentsen
Lupe Beserra
Emily Bohling



Mark Bollaert
Andrea Bonner
Connie Brackney
Beth Brasmer
James Bustard
Andrew Campbell
Pete Carlin
Elizabeth Chapman



Robb Christensen
Bill Churchill
Janette Creger
Amy Curtiss
Carol Depron
Anna Diaz
Carrol Diaz
Stephanie Dieudonne



Lisa Donelson
Christina Dyer
Scott Dyer
Steve Ebner
Nick Eli
Gretchen Embry
Jackie Epperly
Joann Fairman



Lisa Faust
Dori Foster
Susan Fuhr
Nancy Glass
Terri Grafton
Michelle Greenwood
Sheila Guse
William Gustafson



Andrew Hains
Peggy Hallas
Mike Hawley
Connie Hayek
Keely Hornick
Clara Jenkins
Dave Jirelle
Jen Johnson



As a Child, What did you want to be when you grew up?

"I wanted to be a train conductor because I loved the old fashioned trains that had smoke billowing from its smoke stack, and of course the cool whistle!"

Mr. Stone



"A mind-reader. I want the ability to understand why people do what they do and how they think. I would like to be able to stop some of the atrocities before they occur. It could solve so many problems in our world."

Mr. Hawley



"When I was younger, I was sure I would play professional sports. Baseball, football, or basketball. I thought I was very talented at all three. Sometime in junior high, I started thinking I might want to be a teacher. I had many very good teachers who influenced my life, and I thought that was something I would like to do."

Mr. Bustard



Lanette Johnson
Troy Joseph
Tracy Juscius
Liz Kantner
Chad Kennelly
Sterling Kingery
Allyson Knanishu
Susan Knipe

Georgia Kouris
Marie Kucharo
Rod Leatherman
Angela Loebach
Mary Mackenna
Susan Magerkurth
Robert Mason
Patricia Matson

Anthony McConnell
Lou McLaughlin
Mike Melody
Mary Mendelin
Maria Meza-Klein
Sarah Miers
Kathy Miller
Roxanne Nowinski

Don Palm
Chad Quick
Joanne Quinlin
Nicole Regan
Tia Farrah Rice
Deborah Ricketts
Douglas Roberts
Connie Schwab

Craig Sharp
Grace Shirk
Thom Sigel
Robert Smith
Susie Stark
Heidi Steger
Patricia Steger
Janice Stephenson

Courtney Stone
Terry Taylor
Dave Terronez
Shari Thompson
Shawn Trask
Kevin Traylor
Kim Van Kirk
Vicki Verschorre

if you could be a guest star on any TV show, what would be?

"I would want to be a guest star on *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives with Guy Fieri* on the FoodNetwork. He goes to so many awesome restaurants and eats really cool stuff!"
Mrs. Allen

"Either *Community*, so I could meet Joel McHale, or *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, because who doesn't want to try for a million dollars?"
Mrs. Mendelin

"*Cash Cab* because it looks like great fun!"
MRS. FUHR

"*The Walking Dead* because I love zombies!"
Ms. Epperly

[faculty]

Ed Vesey
Scott Voigt
Wade Weber
Jack Weese
Jeff Wendland
Michelle Williams
Haley Wirth
Gary Wolber



Nancy Wolber
Julie Woods



c[RI]sscrossing

Rocky



Mrs. Anderson's basketball team lost to Mr. Stone's high school.



Ms. Bonner and Mr. Terronez ran track in college.



Mr. Terronez and Mrs. Greenwood attended Augie.



Mr. Stone and Ms. Bonner both attended Western.



Mrs. Wolber was Miss. Miers' Girl Scout Leader.

Miss. Miers and Mrs. Anderson played basketball for Rocky.

[Staff]



Mr. Wolber is married to Mrs. Wolber.

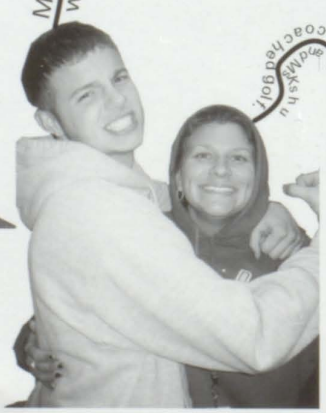




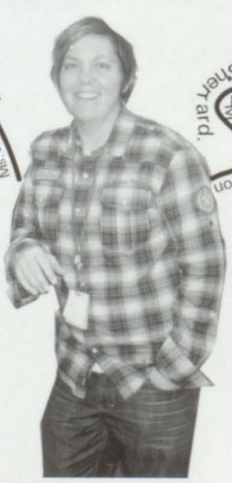
Mr. Wolber was in Ms. Eppert's class.



Ms. Kshu and Ms. Kantner were best friends growing up.



Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Wilson both coached golf.



Mrs. Greenwood went to Shepard. Mr. Johnson



Ms. Kantner and Ms. Eppert attended Iowa.

All the [RI]GHT moves on the COURT.









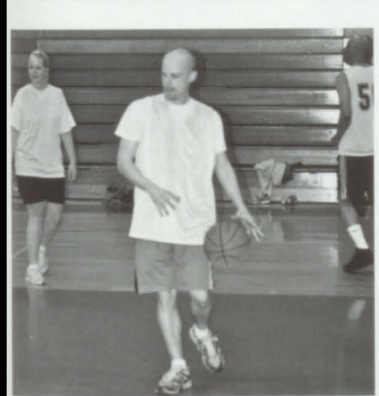




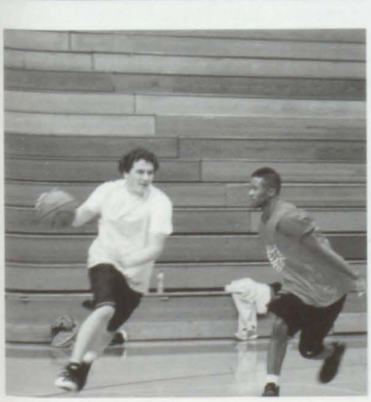














A *Very* Rocky Ch[RI]stmas!









Hayek-ing through Africa

There are two different kinds of travelers; the temporary sight seers and the inquisitive couch surfers. Although many of us are fulfilled with the annual trip to the Grand Canyon, there are some of us who feel the need to dig in a little deeper and explore what the world really has to offer. For Mrs. Hayek, reading and hearing about the different cultures our world provides wasn't enough. "I didn't want to just keep reading," she explains. "I wanted to actually go out there and experience different cultures and learn to appreciate America more."

The Peace Corps, a voluntary American program that allows generous people to help those in need, was exactly what Hayek needed. After three short months of applying, she was accepted into the Peace Corps and put through intense training of learning the language of Seteswana, all in order to be rightfully placed in Botswana, Africa in 1989.

Hayek taught English in Africa, just as she does today, but says the differences are vast. For one full year, she taught without electricity, leaving her to grade papers at night with oil lamps. "It just showed how careful I needed to be with my time," Hayek explains. With no electricity, this left Hayek with no fridge, nor washer or dryer. She would have to hand wash her clothes daily and store away dry goods. In order to get used to this daily routine, she says it took "one day at a time."



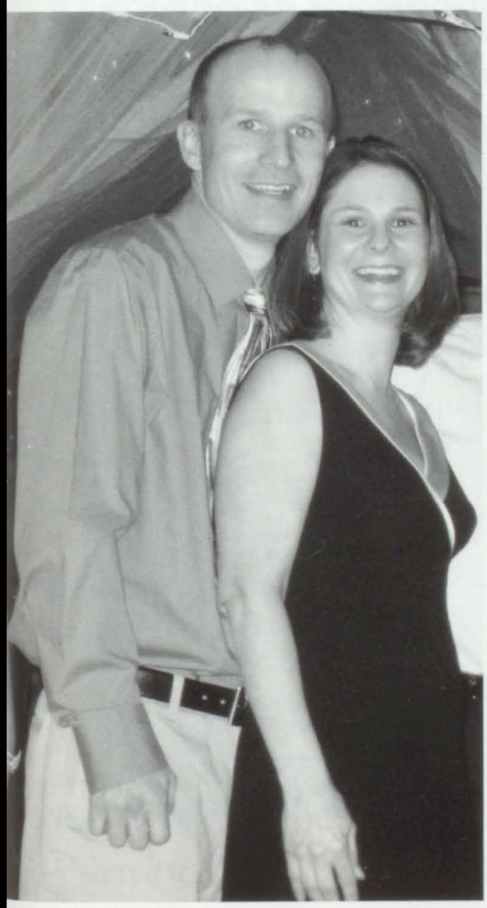
While Africa today is considered one of the most dangerous places to go, Hayek felt no danger from the villagers at all. In fact, the only time she felt insecure was when she was in a car with a driver who had lost complete control and had landed parallel next to the highway, leaving Hayek with an arm she was unable to lift temporarily. "Here I am, a middle aged woman and I still have not told my mother that story," Hayek says. "It was so hard on my family for me to leave," she explains. After three long years of writing weekly letters "it just wasn't the same as hearing their voices."

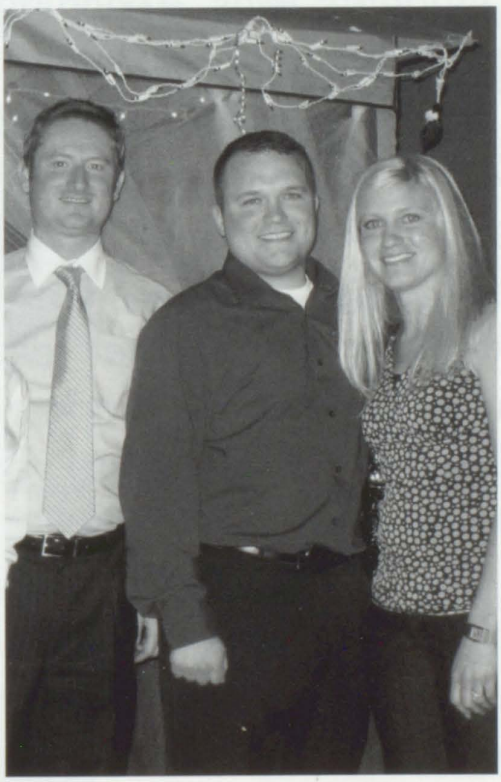
All in all, it was "an opportunity and experience of a lifetime." Hayek doesn't suggest Peace Corps to everyone, only to those who are passionate for it and are willing to accept different customs. To those who fit this criteria, she advises to "be patient, be willing to learn a different way of life, learn to do with little, think outside of the box, and have fun."

The Staff Ar[RI]ves at Prom









Top Left: Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Greenwood enjoy chaperoning Prom.
Top: Mr. Melody and Miss Miers joke around before Prom starts.
Left: Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. Stone, and Mr. and Mrs. Kennelly arrive at Prom.

Mother Goose Leaves the Nest









Sheila Guse

As a special education teacher for the past fourteen years, Sheila Guse has touched many students' lives. Teaching, however, is not the only way Mrs. Guse contributes to the molding of young minds. Mrs. Guse is also the Student Senate Advisor, where she is known as "Mother Goose". Her favorite aspect of teaching at the Rock is seeing kids who have graduated come back to visit, and tell their success stories. "It's extremely rewarding," says Guse.

She also loves helping kids develop their leadership skills during Student Senate. "Mrs. Guse has been the biggest influence on me while I've been at Rocky because she truly is here to benefit the kids," says senior Student Senate member Courtney Camlin. "She will be missed a lot next year!" This year, Mrs. Guse was named "Honorable Homecoming Queen" for all of her hard work, dedication, and support over the years. "That was something that I will never forget!" says Guse.

Sheila Guse plans to retire at the end of the year after a wonderful run at Rocky. "I think I'm going to substitute teach at SKIP, which is where I started all those years ago," explains Guse, "and definitely work on my garden and golf game!"

Rocky Teachers share some interesting, and little known, facts about themselves.

"I hitchhiked across Costa Rica alone when studying there in college."

-Mrs Regan

I have four brothers!

-Mr. Bollaert



"When I was little, I would always tell people I was going to be in the lifestyles of the rich and the famous. I am well aware that is not a legitimate occupation, but I was determined to make it happen. I have no clue why I decided on that, and by becoming Miss Bonner, I have successfully achieved one of the two... you decide which one."

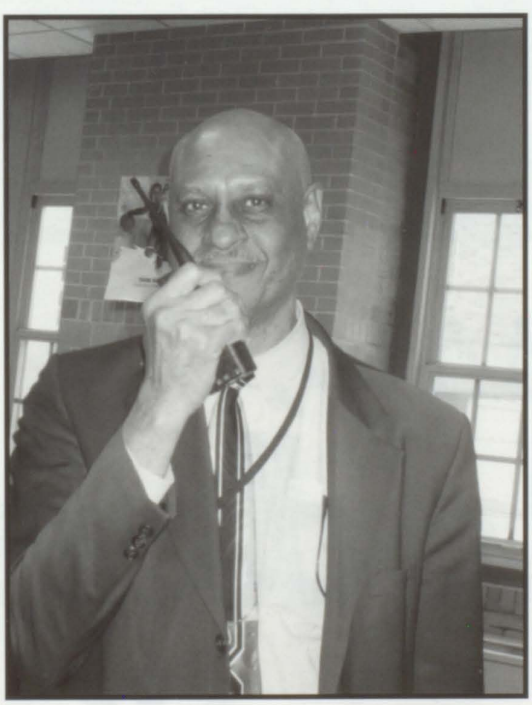
-Miss Bonner

"When I was in high school, I babysat for Mr. Leatherman, Mr. Bustard, and Mrs. Mendelin. Now, I teach with them. Weird."

- Miss Miers

In case you were wonde[RI]ng...

ROGER THAT: What Rocky teachers would really use walkie talkies for...



"I wouldn't talk to anyone, I'm happy in my world." - Mr. Catterton

"Do we have clearance, Clarence? Roger, Rodger. What's your vector, Victor?"
- Mr. Bollaert

"If I had a walkie talkie and could speak with anyone in the building, I would talk to Mr. Carlin, Ms. Miers, and Mrs. Foster. We would plot out which teachers we were going to prank, and how we were going to do it!"

- Mrs. Greenwood

"I would talk to Ms. Epperly about lunch."
-Mrs. Mendelin

"I would ask Miss Miers if she figured out how to use a microwave yet."
- Mr. Melody

Everyday traditions in class at Rocky

"Everyday in English, my friends and I come up with another inside joke, like 'skittles' or 'smurf'."
- Jay Jackson

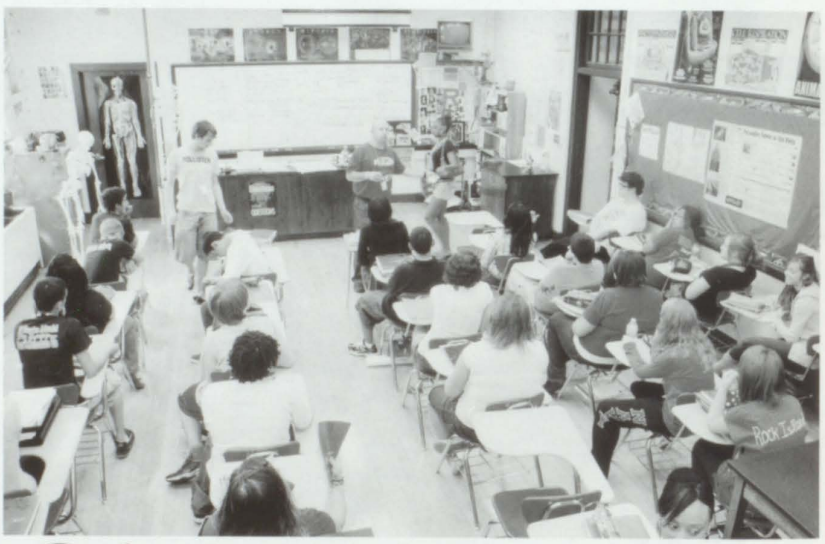
"Hearing Mr. Mason call someone a knucklehead every day."
-Garry Allbritton

"Mr. Benson and his red neck jokes."
- Shamell Mangrum

"During seventh period Marching Band, Mr. Carlin would always call the class to attention, making sure everybody was focused before starting rehearsal."
- Kayla Babers

"Chris Glover dancing in Mrs. Greenwood's 6th period English."
- Halli Tobin





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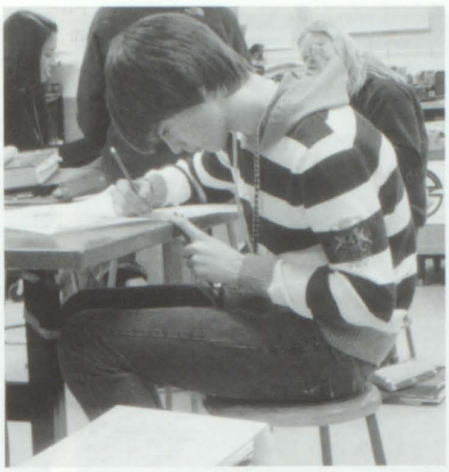
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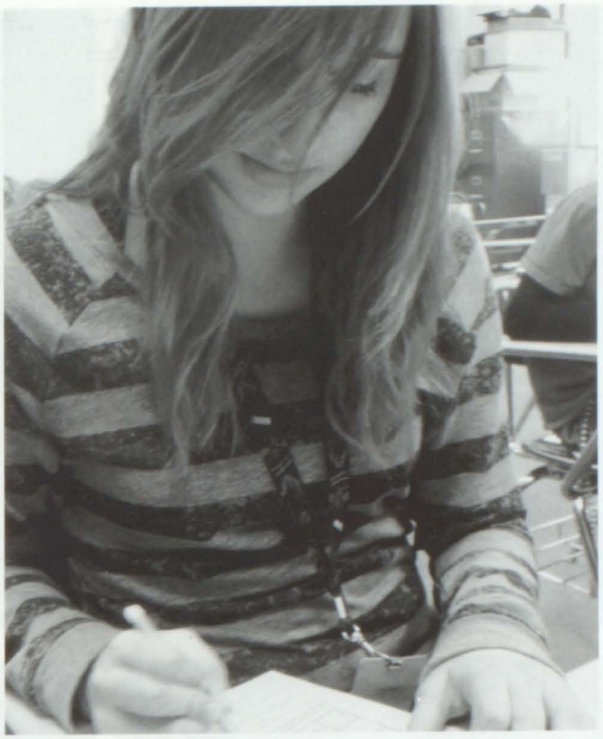
"Mrs. Fuhr holding her hand up to start class."

- C'ANIYE JONES

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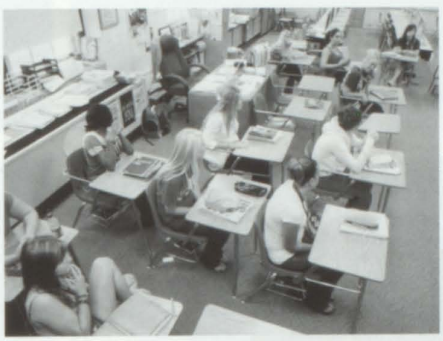
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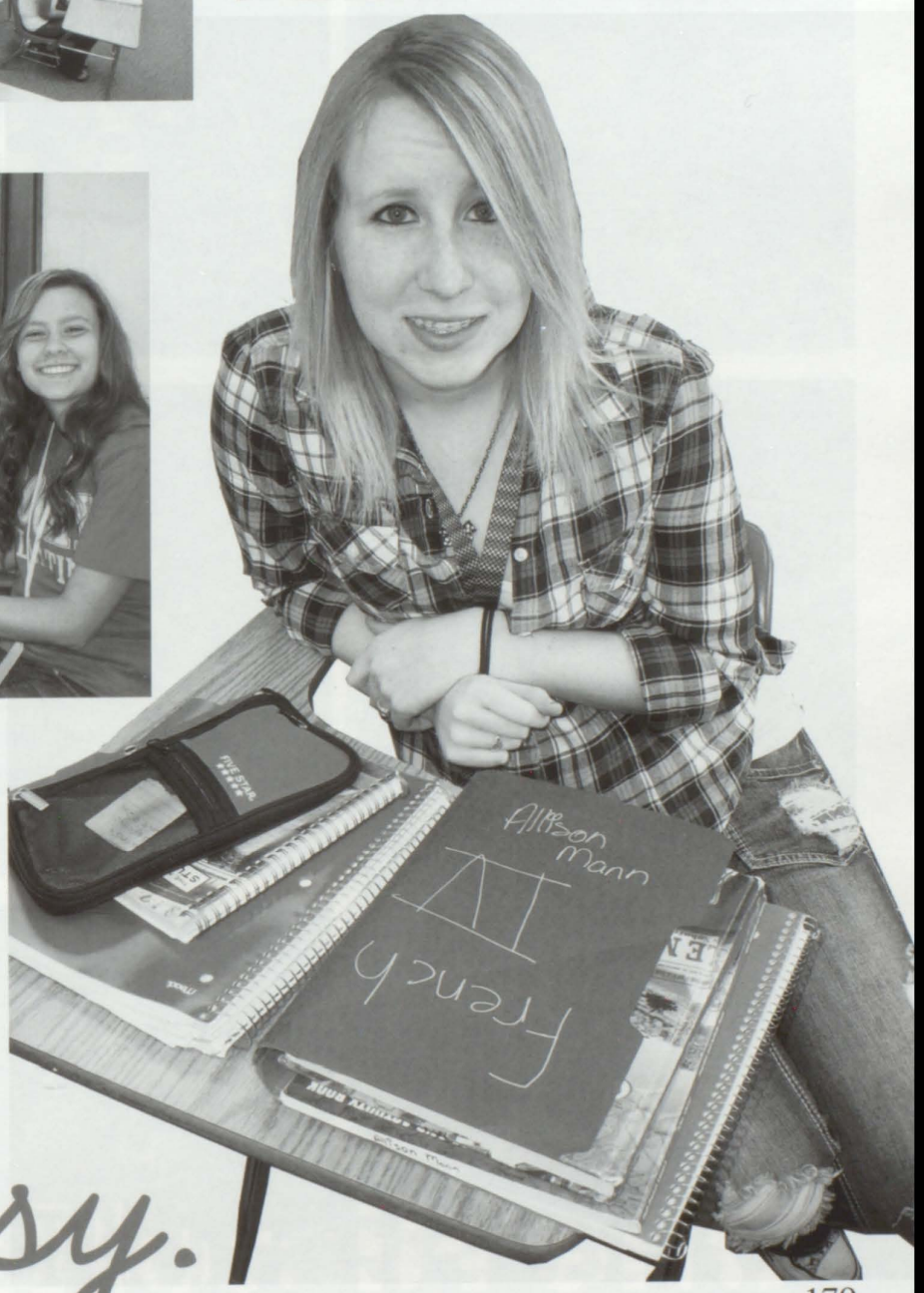


"Ms. Johnson and her collection of Jordans."

-Rayven Morrow

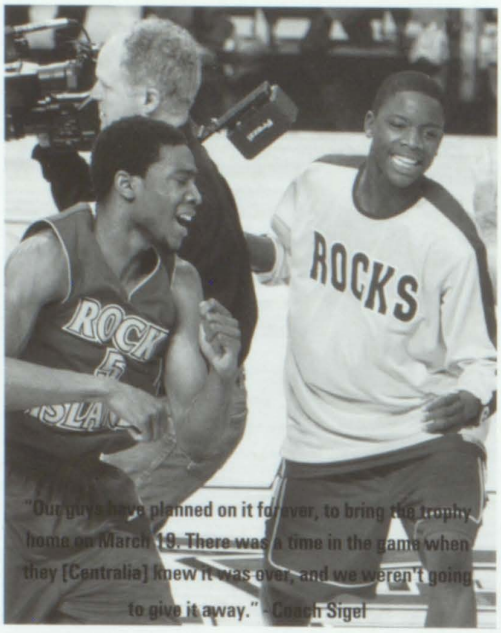




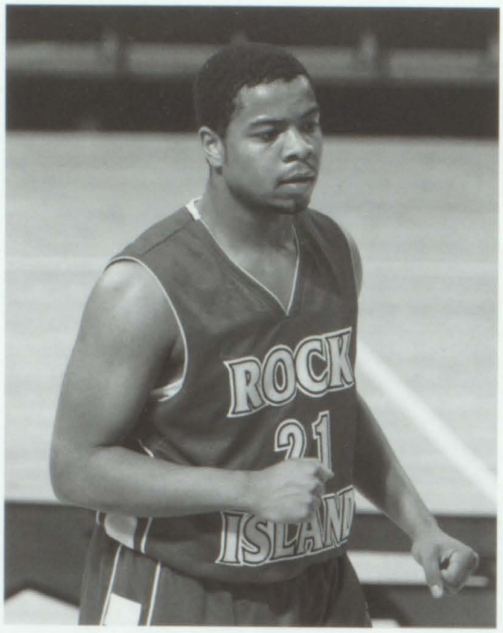


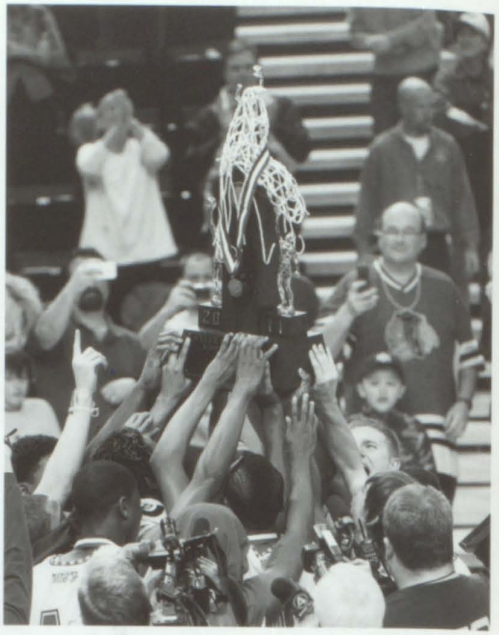
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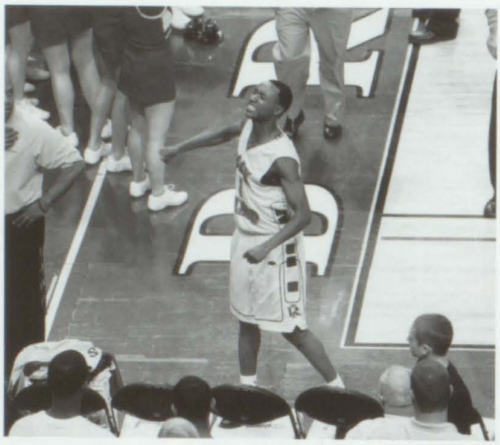


"Our guys have planned on it forever, to bring the trophy home on March 19. There was a time in the game when they [Centralia] knew it was over, and we weren't going to give it away." - Coach Sigel

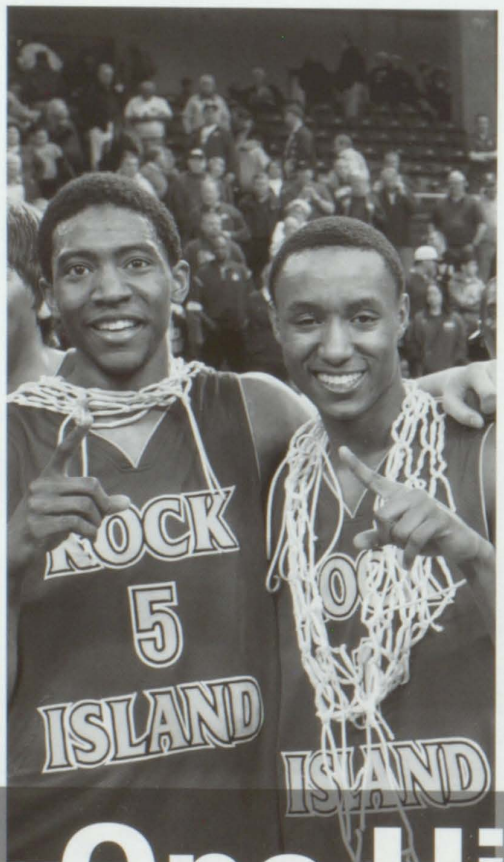


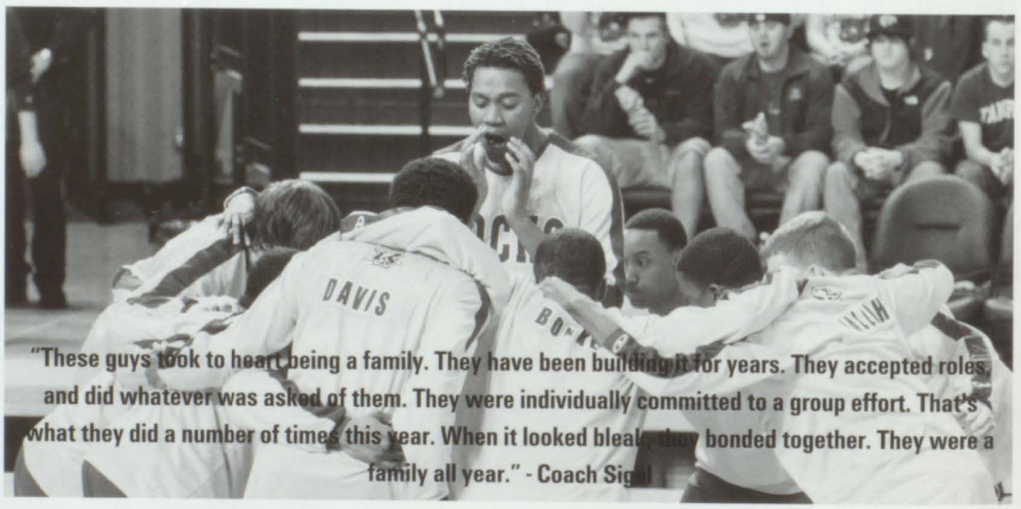












"These guys took to heart being a family. They have been building it for years. They accepted roles and did whatever was asked of them. They were individually committed to a group effort. That's what they did a number of times this year. When it looked bleak, they bonded together. They were a family all year." - Coach Sigel





One Histo[RI]c Team

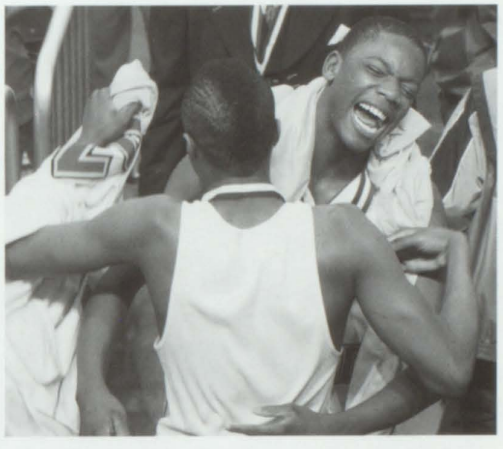




"The tradition of RI basketball has been great players and coaches. This is an accomplishment for all the players that played here and the tradition they built."
- Coach Sigel











"They could deal with prosperity. They could deal with adversity when it came along, too."
- Coach Sigel







One Histo[RI]c Season



"I make sure I get a front row seat to every game!"
Kasey Brent

"I always cheer for my boyfriend."
Miranda Johnson







How do you show your Rocky P[RI]de?



"I paint up with my friends to show my support."
Bailey McChesney

"I wear my red and gold to every game." Whitney Hoover



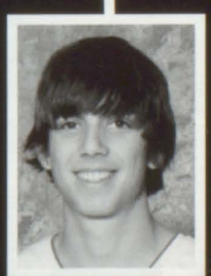


"I play sports for Rocky and show support for all the other teams." Tracy Rade





"Cheering on fellow Rocks and having fun." Emma Reeder



"I paint up for all the football games and try to get the fans excited for the basketball games!" Cameron Ruiz

Nea[RI]ng the End













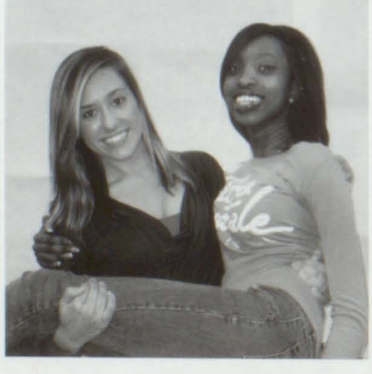














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